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RUDE SHOCK  
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CANTON RAIDERS

London, To-day.

A rude shock was administered this morning to Japanese planes who engaged in their usual daily bombing in the vicinity of Canton.

They suddenly found themselves engaged by Chinese fighting planes instead of merely by anti-aircraft batteries.

As a result, the Chinese authorities state that, as far as has been ascertained up to the present, three enemy planes were shot down; others were damaged.

The report adds that about 40 Japanese planes participated in the raids on Kwangtung this morning, but the number which approached Canton is not known.

## THE EXPLANATION

Shortly before 11 a.m. the din of zooming and power-diving startled the populace of Canton, which still has a vivid recollection of Sunday's disastrous bombing. The absence of A.A. fire caused surprise until it was later explained by the fact that the raiders were engaged by Chinese pursuit planes.

Foreigners at Saichuen said that when the Japanese planes first came over they dropped a number of bombs to the north of Canton and the A.A. batteries opened up and, it is believed, brought down one plane as it was seen to power-dive but did not come up again.

Power-diving and zooming continued, but the bombing soon ceased while the anti-aircraft guns were soon silent to leave the field clear for the planes.—Reuter.

IMPORTANT  
YHSIEN CAPTURE

Hankow, To-day.

A message received from Hsueh this morning states that the Chinese forces at Yhsien have captured two heights commanding the city and that one sortie penetrated the city gates, though the force subsequently withdrew. — Our Own Correspondent.

Depression Years  
Cited In Favour  
Of Landlords

"We recommend a public statement that the Government sees no reason at present to impose restriction, but is carefully watching the situation, and will not hesitate, should future circumstances justify such a measure, to pass legislation restricting increases in rent which unduly benefit landlords."

This recommendation, the final sentence of the Report of the Rents Commission laid in Legislative Council this afternoon, represents the only solace which the Commission offers to tenants in the course of a voluminous discussion of the housing situation in the Colony extending over 21 pages.

The Commission considers that landlords as a class have incurred much undeserved odium, while "well aware that there may be unscrupulous landlords who may take advantage of this Report to indulge in profiteering."

Main conclusions of the Report during the years 1933-37. "No doubt there were" during the last 10 years cases of speculative building in which men of straw who hoped to make a quick boom profit were deservedly punished, and it is a fact that in the years 1933-37 there was in the Colony what has been described as an "overbuilt position," but the majority of pro-

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In the course of the preliminary survey, the Commission refers to the reception of a deputation from the K.R.A. when a summary of complaints was presented showing increases of rent, in six cases, exceeding 150 per cent. At the subsequent sitting held to deal with K.R.A. cases "considerable confusion resulted" as the Chinese public had been led to believe that the Commission were prepared to hear all cases. "We heard what appeared to be the more outstanding cases. In no case did we discover any such huge increase as was alleged in the summary given us by the Committee's deputation, but we must admit the possibility that some cases may have been overlooked in the prevailing confusion."

## REASONS FOR RISE

Discussing the reasons for and extent in the rise in rents the Commission say that a wealth of evidence was furnished to prove that owners of house property were the victims of the disastrous slump

DR. SUN FO'S  
SEARCH FOR  
AID TO CHINA

London, To-day.

The "Financial News" reports Dr. Sun Fo, China's special envoy to Europe, as stating yesterday that China has been seeking assistance from her friends in Britain and elsewhere.

It would be to China's advantage if some sort of financial assistance could be obtained, but he was not in a position to say anything concrete on the subject.

Dr. Sun Fo added that China would not accept mediation until Japanese soldiers withdrew from Chinese soil. — Reuter.

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The romantic flavour of the Gibson Girl is recaptured (left) in this lovely widebrimmed straw sailor, boasting a chin strap for its note of newness.

The ever popular sailor (right) of black straw takes on new glamour with its velvet flange and velvet raised tip inserted in the crown.



## Character Should Speak For Itself

If you want to make a good first impression, watch your voice.

It will reveal more of your character than a handshake or eye movements, says Miss Beatrice Desfosses, New York speech expert.

There are six distinct types of "problem voices," all of which will yield to training, Miss Desfosses finds. She describes them as the argumentative, the shy, the spoiled, the unattentive, the selfcentred and the over-casual types.

Fifty per cent. of the offenders fall into the argumentative or shy groups. Women show up more often than men in the spoiled category, while the roles are reversed in the overcasual class.

Here's how to recognise the types:

**Argumentative**—High, strident voice. Comes from living at too high a speed, taking too little time out for thinking and resting. Correction: Deliberately dropping the voice several tones; more rest and relaxation.

**Shy**—Sometimes has strident

voice, too. Generally tends toward baby voice high and flighty. Speaks with eyes down. Often has caved-in chest. Help: Practice opening mouth very wide when speaking.

**Spoiled**—Baby talk. Voice is high, breathing shallow. Hasn't faced problem of living a mature life. Is usually disconcerted when she finds the role that's encouraged at home is frowned upon elsewhere. Improvement note: Breathing exercises to teach regular deep breathing.

**Unattentive**—Gets ahead of herself in talking. Never comes up for air. Shifts eyes. Has hand

mannerisms. Cure: Learning the importance of pauses. Also learning to listen, since listening demands concentration.

**Self-Centred**—Talks for effect only. Falls into a voice pattern and stays there. Hasn't learned that "emotion should colour the voice." Hint: Avoid talking in a monotone.

**Overcasual**—Affects a casual air. Generally mumbles or mutters. Many women who have risen to high positions at an early age fall into this class. Correction: Stress slow, distinct speech.

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# Hong Kong To Have New Beauty Centre

## Max Factor's Gospel for Make-Up Explained

by Ursula Jeffries

Why do YOU use make-up? Come now, we want the honest truth. Isn't it because you want to attract the opposite sex? Of course; Ninety-nine women out of a hundred make up their faces for that reason, and the odd one just isn't man enough to admit it!

It was only yesterday that we were asked that question by Mr. T. M. West of Max Factor's Hollywood, Make-Up Studio, and he knew the answer before we said it.

"Women make up their faces to attract men," he stated, "therefore, every woman should strive for naturalness in make-up because that is what men admire most." Naturalness is also the gospel that Max Factor preaches.

### IS IT POSSIBLE?

Is there such a thing as naturalness in make-up? Can naturalness be achieved when make-up itself is an artificial means of enhancing our features? Mr. West says "yes," very emphatically, and here are his reasons.

Time was when any woman who sought to cosmetically groom her face she was known to be "painted and powdered." Make-up, in the sense that we know it to-day, did not exist then. It was merely a pigment to provide a colour coating for the cheeks and lips, and a quantity of more or less minute particles which served to conceal the natural skin surface beneath a flaky layer. The chemical suitability of the colour or powder materials for direct application to the sensitive human skin was seldom considered; the suitability of the paint and powder tints to each other, almost never. . . . But since then science has made a transition from "paint and powder" to "make-up" which is, briefly, a studiously combined array of materials designed, not to gaudily decorate and conceal the complexion, but to artistically accentuate and highlight the natural beauty already in evidence.

The transition was not an overnight affair. For instance, Hollywood's make-up wizard, Max Factor, worked diligently over a period of some 30 years to perfect make-up so that it would appear transparent and almost invisible; so that its action would simply bring out your own natural colouring; so that society, discriminating and conservative in taste, would adopt make-up without fear of offending.

Now here is a true instance that naturalness can be achieved with make-up, and the story was told us by Mr. West.

A year ago in Honolulu, he was giving a series of make-up demonstrations with the aid of his wife, who is a trained beauty operator, having studied the art of applied make-up at the Max Factor Make-Up Studio in Hollywood. They picked from the audience the wife of an American army officer who affected the theatrical in make-up, and proceeded to work a transformation. The best testimony of the results they achieved is contained in the words of her husband who exclaimed: "Mabel, this is the first time since our marriage, that you really look natural."

So taking everything into consideration, we feel he is right. Naturalness can be achieved with

make-up, providing it is applied in the proper way, and providing we use the proper shades to harmonize with our own natural colouring. Which brings us to—

### COLOUR HARMONY

Every one of us, we are told, is a separate and distinct type. No two of us are exactly alike in colouring, so it is logic to assume that no two of us can conform to one type of make-up.

We are inclined to classify ourselves too broadly into blondes, brunettes, redheads and Titians, but take two brunettes, put them side by side and you will find that neither one is anything like the other. Even if both were to have brown hair and brown eyes, the colour of one will be either lighter or darker than the other. That calls for a different type of make-up.

Max Factor has no hard and fast chart of colour harmony—each person is catered to individually, and each one is provided with make-up to suit her type.

How can you find the correct make-up to blend with your own colouring? Obviously, as you know little or nothing of the art of applied make-up, you will need the advice of experts to first find the right colours to blend with your type and, secondly, to show you how best to apply it in order to make the most of your appearance. It is for this purpose that Mr. West is shortly establishing a Max Factor Beauty Salon in the Colony, where you may not only sit for a free demonstration to see how beautiful you can look when made up expertly, but also learn the tricks of applying make-up to the best advantage. Whether your face is round or long, there is a right place for your rouge which they will help you find. And one last thing.

### EYE APPEAL

Most women are chary about touching up their eyes. They feel this branch of beauty culture is best reserved for stage effect only. Mr. West sees no reason why it should be. After all, a woman's eyes are the mirrors of her personality, he says, and she should make the most of them.

A theatrical effect can be avoided, providing you know how. In fact, the only reason why the average woman is afraid to use eye make-up is because she hasn't yet learned the art of applying it to effect.

That art is only one of the many that Mr. and Mrs. West have come to teach our ladies.

GOING ON LEAVE. Mrs. J. T. K. Gilchrist who, with her husband, is leaving for England in the s.s. Rawalpindi on April 30, on long leave.

## Do It This Way

A faint suggestion of garlic is a magic touch to many a vegetable salad. Just brush a clove of garlic quickly around the salad bowl, or the dressing bowl. That is enough to blend the flavours of the other ingredients.

Cocktail tray suggestions: squares of dill pickles and cheese alternated on wooden picks; Roquefort cheese balls mixed with catsup and placed on small crackers; liverwurst creamed with butter and spread on buttered toast points; crabmeat mixed with chopped pickles and spread on buttered white bread fingers; corned beef cubes spread with salad dressing and speared on wooden skewers; slices of browned cocktail sausages alternated with stuffed olives on wooden picks.

A soap jelly suitable for laundering clothes can be made by putting leftover soap bits in a jar and covering them with boiling water.

To remove cod liver oil stains from clothing apply a tablespoonful of banana oil mixed with a tablespoonful of soapy water. After five minutes or so wash the stained article in warm water and soap suds. Then rinse it thoroughly.

Why not a fleet of banana boats for a 12-year-old's birthday party? Stuff hollowed bananas with diced pineapple and peaches. Attach flags of variegated gum drops stuck on wood picks. Let the sea be of shredded lettuce. Or fill the bananas with vanilla ice cream and sail them on a custard sea.

In preparing Welsh rabbits be careful not to over cook them or they will become stringy.

## "ARE YOU A CLOTHES HORSE?"

asks Loretta Young

Loretta Young is one of Hollywood's best-dressed women. Not because she is a film star and has a lot of money but because of her excellent taste.

Hundreds of wealthy women dress badly simply because they have no eye for what suits them.

Here Loretta Young gives a few tips as useful to the typist or shop girl as they would be to a duchess.

Don't make a "clothes horse" of yourself simply because it's "Style." Buy simple clothes of good lines and fine materials. It is better to have one good dress than six not-so-good outfits.

Give your accessories the most careful thought.

Buy clothes that will give you greatest use. In other words, don't buy things you don't need and that represent waste of money.

Plan ahead so that you don't have to buy clothes in a hurry, then you will make a better and more useful selection.

Unless you are completely suited, don't try to follow current modes too closely.

## Personal Jottings

Mr. J. F. Smedley is leaving the Colony in the s.s. Talthybius tomorrow for a short vacation in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. K. Gilchrist are leaving for England on April 30, in the s.s. Rawalpindi. They expect to spend about a month in London prior to touring Scotland, and will be absent for nine months. Mr. Gilchrist is with the Public Works Department.

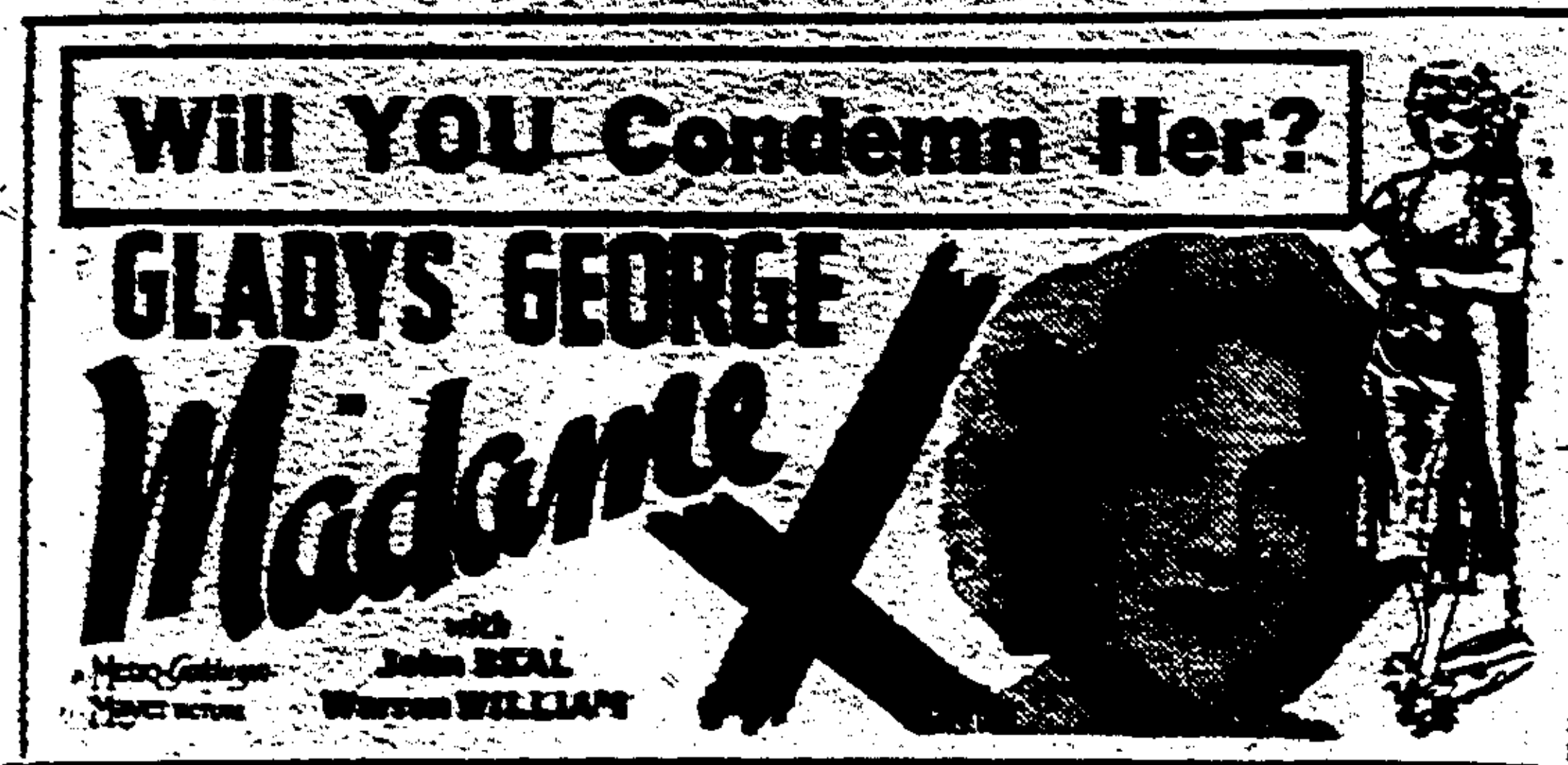
Mr. A. E. Prattis was host last night to Mr. Lingoh Wang, Charge

d'Affaires to the Central Government, and some 20 other guests, to a dinner in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel. Madame Li See Ling, Miss Kim Lui, Mrs. and Miss Trilog and Lt. Keen Buchanan were among those present.

The forthcoming marriage has been announced between Elena Mikhalovna Dragavtzena of Astrid Apartments, 240 Route, Villed, Shanghai, and Aage Emil Bossel, merchant of 140 Han Kiang Road, Hankow.



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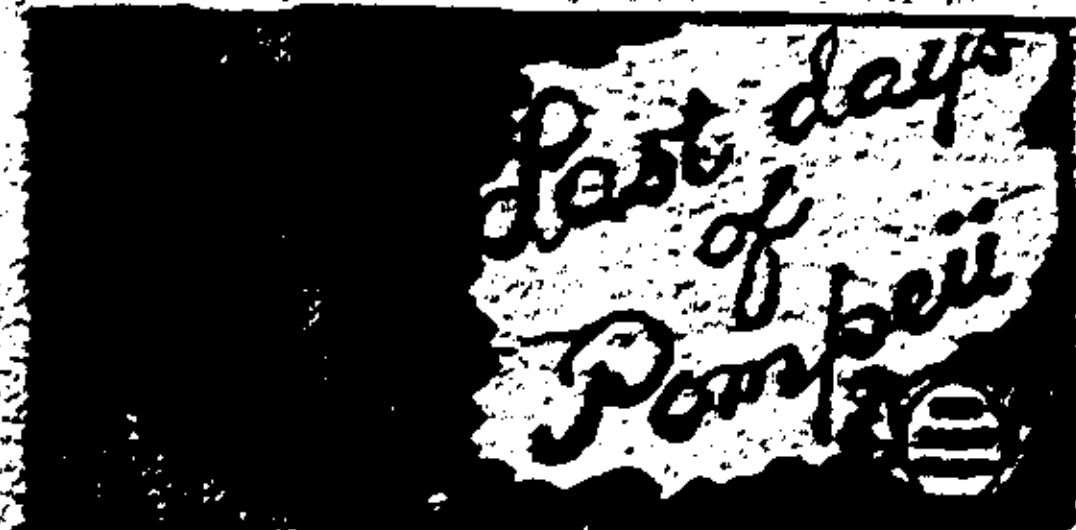
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## DOG CASES

Several European residents were to-day summoned before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy for allowing their dogs on the beach and road, at Repulse Bay, during the past month. Captain White, of the Royal Scots, was fined \$15 on each of two charges of allowing his dogs abroad without a muzzle, Mr. J. T. Lock of No. 521, The Peak, and Mr. J. B. Morper were fined \$20 each and Mr. M. W. Clay of No. 6, Bungalow, Repulse Bay, was fined \$15 on similar summonses. In all cases the dogs had been inoculated against rabies.

## GOVERNMENT SERVANTS' RENTS INQUIRY REPORT

Our unanimous conclusion is that having regard to the origin of the present system of rent allowances and housing assistance, to the fact that existing salaries were fixed in the light of that system and to the usual practice in other parts of the Colonial Empire, the basis of rentals could not be altered without concomitant revision of salaries. Any attempt to vary rentals without adjusting salaries would be equivalent to a salary cut and would result in anomalies as between officers at present entitled to free quarters and officers not eligible for such free quarters but liable to pay rent. We recommend therefore that no change be made in the rentals at present charged.

This represents the finding of the Committee composed of the Hon. Mr. Sydney Caine, Sir Henry Pollock, Mr. W. J. Carrie, Mr. J. K. Bousfield and Mr. D. Kelvin-Stark (Secretary) which was appointed to consider expenditure incurred in housing Government servants and to make recommendations regarding the percentages which should be paid by various grades as rent for the use of Government quarters. The Committee's Report was laid on the table at Legislative Council this afternoon.

### HISTORY OF SYSTEM

It is clear from the history of the matter the Report points out, that rent allowances were originally introduced deliberately in order to supplement salaries, that the provision of actual Government quarters came later and that it was always intended that the rents paid for such quarters should be less than an officer would have to pay to an outside landlord. Government houses and flats were not erected or purchased in large numbers until some years after the initiation of the scheme of rent allowances and Government quarters have never been available for more than a small proportion of senior officers.

When the general review of salaries by the Gollan Commission took place in 1929 the scheme of housing assistance and rent allowances was accepted and endorsed and was taken as part of the basis on which salaries were then fixed.

### AFRICAN SCALE

A further revision of certain salaries has recently been made, primarily in order to bring into harmony with salaries in other Colonies the emoluments attached to posts forming a part of the United Colonial Services which have recently been established in the Colonial Empire generally. We are immediately concerned only with the effect of these new scales as regards payment for quarters, but it may be noted that these scales, which apply only to new appointments and promotions, are in general somewhat lower than existing scales and in particular provide lower pensionable emoluments so that some ultimate economy may be expected from their introduction. The feature which principally concerns us is that under the new scales officers will be required either to pay a full economic rent for quarters up to a maximum of 15% or will be entitled to wholly free quarters as part of their emoluments.

In our opinion the present system substantially carries out the intentions in mind when the original system of rent allowances and assisted quarters was devised. The rentals of 6% at present charged may be regarded as approximating to 50% of the economic rental based on costs.

## PRAGUE BANS MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

Prague, To-day.

Czecho-Slovak Ministers are not taking a holiday at Easter but will remain in Prague, owing to the present situation in the country.

The Government has banned demonstrations on May 1, which is the Nazi festival as well as Labour Day.

The Sudeten Germans have appealed to the Czech-Slovakian Premier to relax the censorship imposed on their newspapers, and complain that censorship is against the constitutional freedom of the press.

### PREMIER ASSENTS

The Premier, after studying the request, declared that their grievances were justified and ordered the censorship to be relaxed.

The Ministers have asked newspapers supporting their different parties to cease to attack other newspapers, in order to create a peaceful atmosphere for the negotiations with the Sudeten Germans.—Reuter.

## GALA DAY IN CHUNGKING

Chungking, To-day.

A gala appearance is presented by streets and building beflagged and all shops bearing red posters similar to those displayed at Chinese New Year and bearing inscriptions "Follow Chiang and Wang, the leaders of national resistance," in celebration of the army's victory in annihilating the Japanese forces at Taijerschwang.

The occasion was a dual celebration of the election of General Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. Wang Ching-wei as Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive, respectively, of the Kuomintang, and the Chinese army's successes in the north. Last night a torchlight procession wound its way through the city, to the noise of bursting crackers.—Reuter.

Wong King-hun, a stable boy, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from injuries sustained when he fell off a horse at the Kowloon Riding School.

Chan Kam, a coolie, was admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital with injuries to both arms and legs, received when he fell into the dry dock at the Kowloon Docks.



# MOSCOW CANNOT ALLOW JAPANESE TO COMPLETE CONQUEST OF CHINA

London, To-day.

Dr. Sun Fo, China's special envoy to Europe, speaking at a press reception at the Chinese Embassy yesterday, said he had been informed in Moscow that although Russia did not intend to intervene in the Far East at present, where China appeared to be fully holding her own, Russia could not allow Japan to conquer China.

If any danger of that appeared, Russia would certainly intervene regardless of the consequences in Europe.

Dr. Sun Fo said that China was quite confident of winning. She already had 2,000,000 men under arms, and in a year's time would have 8,000,000.

## LONDON NAVAL TREATY TALKS

London, To-day.

The meeting of representatives of Great Britain, France and the United States, provided for under Article 25 of the London Naval Treaty of 1936 was held at the Foreign Office yesterday morning. The meeting lasted half an hour and was merely a preliminary discussion.

Under the chairmanship of Sir Robert Vansittart, Diplomatic Advisor to the Government, the British representatives were the First Sea Lord, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield, Captain Phillips, Captain Danckwaerts, Mr. Fitzmaurice and Mr. Holman.

Representing the United States were Mr. Herschell Johnson and Commander Gordon Nelson. Representing France were Monsieur Cambon, Commander Delenze and Captain du Tour.—British Wireless.

The moral effect of China's recent successes upon Japan must have been profound, as every Japanese had been brought up in the belief that he was invincible.

Dr. Sun Fo proceeded from the reception to visit the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

The Chinese envoy goes to Scotland on Thursday to visit the Clyde shipbuilding yards, and will return to London in about a week's time.

### BISHOP YU PING

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Nanking, Bishop Yu Ping, who was also present at yesterday's reception, was recently received in Rome by the Pope to whom he gave a long account of the war in China.

Bishop Yu Ping returns to China by air to-day.—Reuter.

## PLEBISCITE QUESTION

London, To-day.

The Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, answering a Commons question, said that the customary passport and customs inspection took place on the return of the German polling ship to London docks from outside territorial limits.—British Wireless.

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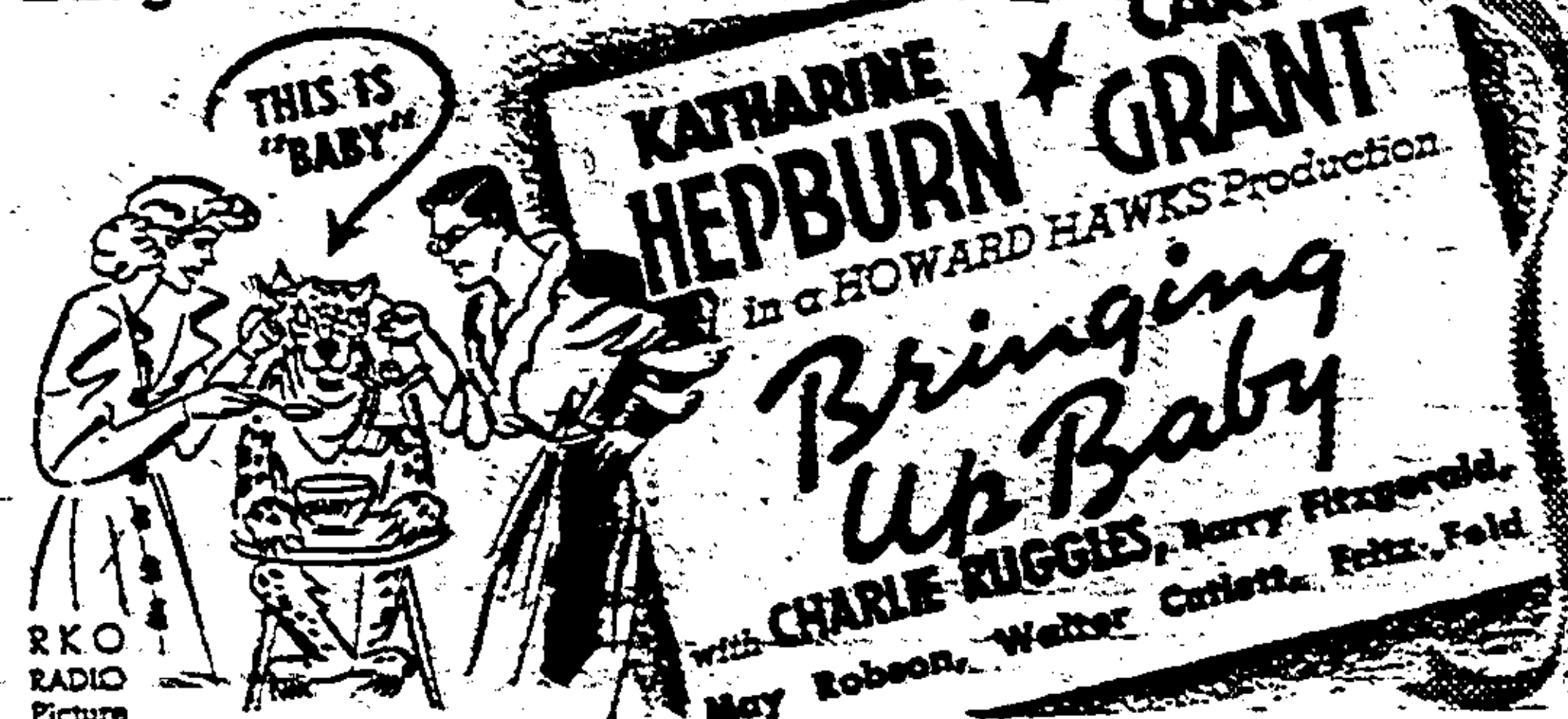
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## KING AND QUEEN AT ALDERSHOT

London, To-day.

Their Majesties the King and Queen made a visit of inspection to Aldershot yesterday. The most spectacular item on their programme was a manoeuvre of combined attack by modern mechanised forces. Infantry, gunners and the Tank Corps took part. Their Majesties also visited the barracks and enquired about the soldiers' living conditions. — British Wireless.

## BRITISH CAPITAL OVERSEAS

London, To-day.

Replying to a Commons question, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, Mr. Wallace, said that according to estimates made by Sir Robert Kindersley, the nominal amount of British capital invested overseas at the end of 1936, which was the latest available date, was \$3,764,000,000. It had been estimated that British overseas investments in 1913 totalled \$4,000,000,000. — British Wireless.

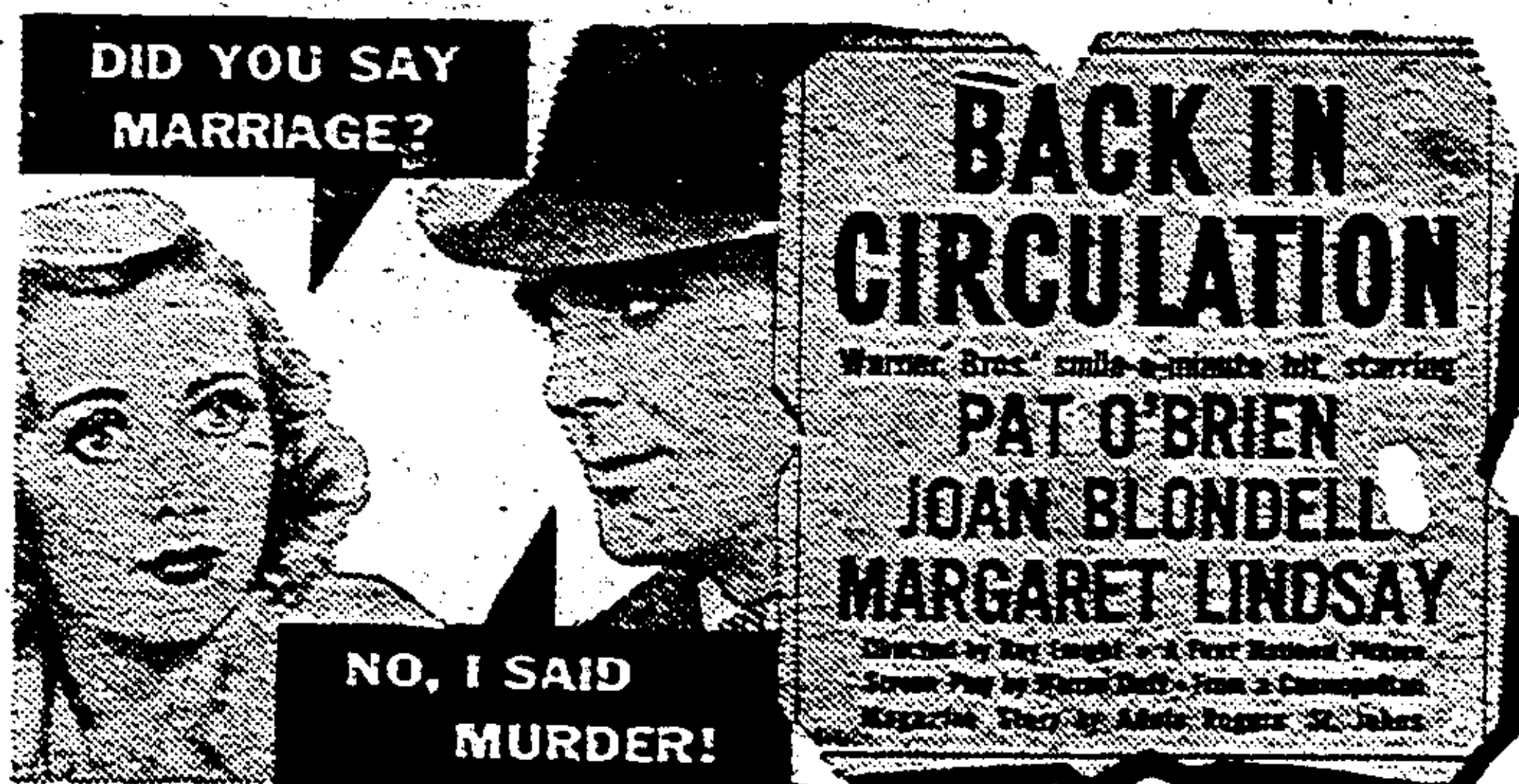


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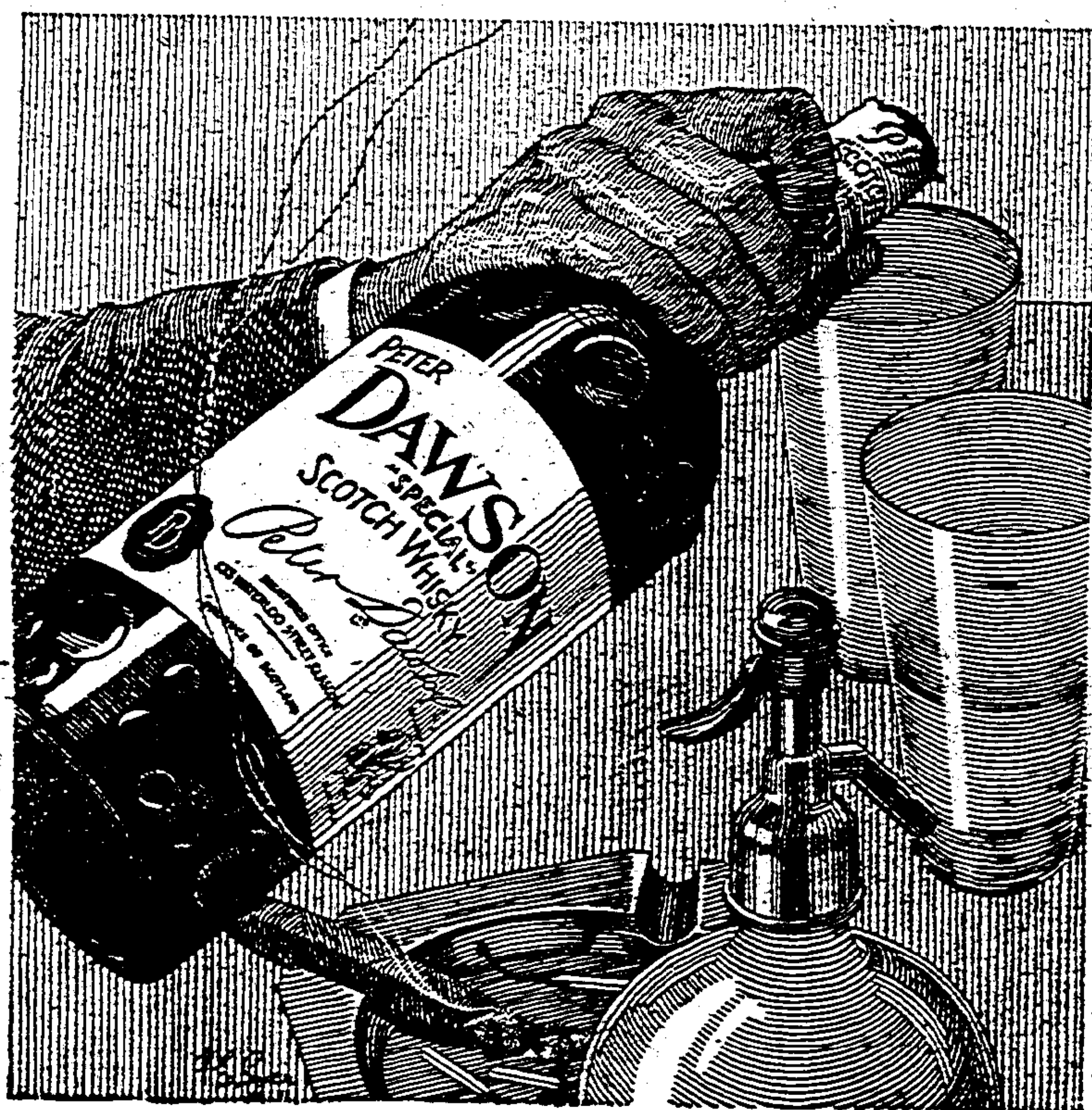
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## JAPANESE PLAN SHANGHAI AIR LINES

Shanghai, To-day.  
Shanghai will be linked by air with Taihoku, capital of Formosa, late this Summer if negotiations in Tokyo are successfully concluded, says the "Shanghai Mainichi."

Under present plans of the Formosan Government, large Douglas

## TYPHOON FILLS UP

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has moved eastward to the Eastern Sea, and the depression is situated to the north east of Hokkaido. The typhoon has apparently filled up.

Local forecast:—E. winds, moderate; fair.

air-liners will make the trip three times a week, covering the 150 miles between the two cities in less than three hours.—Reuter.

## ANGLO-ITALIAN PACT TO BE SIGNED TO-MORROW: SPAIN CONTINGENCY

London, To-day.

Signing of the Anglo-Italian agreement is expected to take place on Thursday, the usually well-informed diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" states.

The correspondent says that the final details have been settled and the agreement drawn up in its ultimate form.

The agreement, however, will not become effective until Italy has withdrawn her volunteers from Spain and has complied with the measures decided upon by the non-intervention committee.

ROME ASSENT

Rome, To-day.

It is generally affirmed in well-informed circles here that the Anglo-Italian agreement will be signed before Easter.

Referring to the British move to have the Abyssinian question placed on the agenda of the next session of the League Council, the London correspondent of "Tribuna" says that Britain has thereby taken the first step for giving effect to one of the provisions of the agreement.

Despite the demonstrative protests of anti-Fascists against the policy of Mr. Neville Chamberlain, says the correspondent, the British public has slowly but surely come to realise that it is now facing the necessity of adjusting its views to the changed conditions now prevailing throughout Europe. — Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN COMMENT

Berlin, To-day.

"A contribution to the political appeasement of Europe," is how the "Diplomatic and Political Correspondence," mouthpiece of the German Foreign Office, describes the progress made in clarifying Anglo-Italian relations.

The journal says it is in full keeping with German policy to welcome a step of this sort.

There are grounds for special satisfaction in view of the close German-Italian solidarity when the Italian section of the axis furnishes proof of its ability to work for the promotion of peace.

It has testified once again to the correctness of the methods adopted by Germany and Italy—not to avoid difficulties but to tackle them boldly and surmount them on the basis of justice and realities. — Trans-Ocean.

## UNION INSURANCE MEETING

Due to the political unrest in Europe and the undeclared war in China, said the Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, presiding at the annual meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., held this morning, the company, in common with other insurance organisations, had suffered considerable anxiety.

These circumstances notwithstanding, the report showed increased premia in all departments.

Shareholders were assured that there was practically no war risk liability in China and also that the investment position in China gave no cause for anxiety.

A full report of the proceedings is held over owing to pressure on space but will be published tomorrow.

## KEMAL TO VISIT RUMANIA

Bucharest, To-day.

Kemal Ataturk, Dictator of Turkey, is expected in the Rumanian capital on a state visit at the end of April.

Kemal Ataturk will set out on a Balkan tour shortly after Easter and will arrive at Bucharest from Athens. — Trans-Ocean.

## GRAZIANI SEES POPE

Rome, To-day.

Marshal Rudolfo Graziani, former Viceroy of Ethiopia, was received in audience by His Holiness the Pope yesterday.

The audience lasted three-quarters of an hour, and it is understood that Marshal Graziani presented a report on reconstruction in Ethiopia. — Trans-Ocean.

## STATE LAW

Bucharest, To-day.

A new law for protection of the state was published yesterday. The law provides severe measures against any political activity on the part of organisations recently dissolved. — Trans-Ocean.

## DE RIVEIRA'S DAUGHTER

Berlin, To-day.

Senorita Pilar Primo de Riveira, daughter of the late Spanish Dictator and leader of the Spanish insurgent Falange Femina, who is visiting Germany, was received by Herr Hitler yesterday.

She handed to the Fuehrer as a gift from the women of Spain a handwrought replica of an ancient Toledo sword.

The Senorita is accompanied by the Duchess of Tetuan, Senorita Vinamata and Dr. Conde. — Trans-Ocean.



# DALADIER'S FIRST VICTORY

## Overwhelming Vote Of Confidence In Chamber

### Demand For Power To Govern Without Parliament

Paris, To-day.

M. Edouard Daladier, the new Premier, who is seeking plenary powers for the Cabinet, gained his first major success yesterday when the Chamber of Deputies endorsed the Governmental declaration by 576 votes to 5.

This overwhelming majority is regarded by the Government as an expression of confidence and not as parliamentary sanction for the Premier's seven-point programme which begins with a demand for full powers to rule the country without parliament for a period of six months.

In point of fact the Social-Democrats, Communists, and extreme Rightists made it clear during the short debate which followed reading of the Government declaration that when it came to voting, their attitude should not be interpreted in the sense that they had already made up their mind to support the Government programme.

#### EMPOWERING BILL

The Chamber adjourned to 10 o'clock when a start was to have been made on discussion of the Empowering Bill, which in the meantime to be discussed by the finance committee of the Chamber.

The Government declaration, which the Premier read in the Chamber yesterday afternoon, begins with the words: "A great and free country can be saved only by relying on its own powers," and then says that the present Government of National Defence appeals to parliament and nation to rally to the defence of liberty, peace and the motherland.

"On all sides of France to-day, Europe is changing. Political systems are breaking down and new ideologies are effecting a resurgence of peoples whose history stretches back into the remote past.

#### NEW EMPIRES

"States are disappearing to make room for the creation of new Empires.

"For this reason the present conception of national defence has to extend beyond the orbit of military organisation to embrace all aspects of the country's financial, economic, social and political problems.

"To-day one can no longer speak of a series of difficult problems. Actually there is only one single problem. National defence calls for a stable currency and sound national finance. Recourse to extraordinary measures with a set time limit is justifiable only when followed by measures of a general character designed to get at the root of the evil from which France has been suffering during the last twenty years.

#### HEALTHY INDUSTRY

"The exigencies of national defence also call for a healthy industrial life which must not suffer from retardation or interruption especially in those industries working for national defence.

"Hence the Government appeals to the common sense and patriotism of the workers and employers.

"The workers must come to realise that occupation of the factories gives rise throughout the country to a feeling of insecurity likely to destroy the regime of liberty.

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE

"Employers must apply the principles of social justice. From now onwards, all social conflicts can be settled within the framework of arbitration legislation which it is the intention of the Government to extend and modernise with all promptitude."

Turning to national defence, the declaration says: "The Government is resolved to defend French interests everywhere and the inviolability of the French Empire. It will not permit any threat of its frontier, its colonies and its lines of communication, nor will it allow foreign influences to influence the country's full freedom of action."

#### CO-OPERATION

The declaration closes with an avowal to co-operate with all countries for establishment of international peace.

The declaration was received in the Chamber with loud applause.

Acting with characteristic decision the Premier, M. Daladier, immediately declared himself prepared to reply to any questions, an action which took the Chamber by surprise.

The sole deputy to rise was M. Pezet (Centre) who regretted that M. Daladier had not formed a propaganda ministry.

#### HUGE MAJORITY

A few minutes later, M. Daladier was insisting on the vote being taken forthwith, and the huge majority in his favour was high tribute to the promptitude he is showing in making good his promise to set the country on the road to prosperity.—Trans-Ocean.

A small fire broke out shortly after eleven o'clock this morning on the roof of No. 3, Wing Woo Street.

The fire started when some bamboo poles caught fire, but was extinguished before the arrival of the Fire Brigade. The Emergency Unit also turned out but their services were not required.

### —TAI LEE— FACTORY DISASTER

Canton, To-day.

The officially prepared casualty list of the Tai Lee Knitting Factory shows that 111 persons were killed, and 196 injured, when the Japanese bombed the building.

There are still over 30 unidentified bodies, and it is possible that more victims will be unearthed to-day.—Our Own Correspondent.

### PLENARY POWERS GRANTED

Paris, To-day.

During the early hours of this morning the Chamber of Deputies is expected to give the Daladier Government a favourable vote on its request for plenary powers to deal with outstanding financial and social problems.

The Chamber's finance committee has already approved the powers which will be granted until July 31.

The Finance Minister has given the assurance that no capital levy or control of exchanges is contemplated. He proposes the imposition of a special tax applicable to all citizens not liable to military service but liable to income tax.

As regards raw materials, the Government does not intend to reduce customs duties but means to increase them in certain cases.—Reuter.

Paris, Later.

The Chamber of Deputies this morning passed the Government's Plenary Powers Bill by 508 votes to 12.—Reuter.

### BRITAIN'S REVENUE

London, To-day.

Revenue returns for the first nine days of the new financial year show total ordinary revenue of £18,770,695 and total ordinary expenditure of £26,823,868.

In the first ten days of the last year, comparable figures were revenue £21,670,823, expenditure £32,760,183.—British Wireless.

### JAPANESE TO BRING PUPPET BANK SOUTH

Tokyo, To-day.

Establishment of a bank of issue at Shanghai to provide new currency for Central China, was being studied by officials of the Federal Reserve Bank of Peiping yesterday, states the Japanese Domei news agency.

The new institution, while affiliated to the Peiping bank, would issue its own currency, which would not be exchangeable at par with Federal notes, but would have a value of its own.

Proponents of the scheme defend the plan on the grounds that present circumstances prevent the circulation of Federal Reserve Bank notes in Shanghai without possible devaluation of Peiping notes.—Reuter.

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## DOMINION AND FOREIGN POLICY

London, To-day.  
Answering a Commons question, the Secretary of State for the Dominions, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, declared that no communication had been received from the Government of New Zealand or any other Dominion Government, expressing disagreement on the foreign policy pursued by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.—British Wireless.

## BRITONS IN AUSTRIA

London, To-day.  
Answering a Commons question, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Butler, said he had less.

now been informed that no formalities were required in the case of British visitors wishing to leave Austria unless they were resident in Austria. He was making further enquiries concerning the conditions governing the departure of British residents.—British Wireless.

## MARTIAL LAW IN TSINANFU

Shanghai, To-day.  
Owing to the activity of Chinese guerillas very near Tsinanfu, the Japanese in Tsinanfu have proclaimed martial law. It is also alleged the Japanese merchants and civilians are "standing by" to evacuate the city following instructions by the Japanese military authorities.—Our Own Correspondent.

## ETHIOPIAN LEGATION'S SHARP REMINDER OF LEAGUE OBLIGATIONS

London, To-day.

The Ethiopian Legation has issued a statement saying that if the British Government intends to request the League Council to release member states from undertakings not to recognise Italian annexation, the Emperor will oppose the decision with every means.

The decision, says the statement, is contrary to the League Covenant, other treaties and the Assembly resolution of July 4, 1936.

The Prime Minister in the House of Commons yesterday retorted that he was not aware of such an absurd allegation, as Mr. Attlee (leader of the Labour opposition) had said was current in many quarters, that Britain was prepared to make profit out of the sufferings of Abyssinia.

### "FRONTIER RECTIFICATION"

Mr. Attlee had asked whether in the course of the Anglo-Italian negotiations a request was made for incorporation of some of Abyssinian territory in the adjacent British territories by way of frontier rectification or otherwise, and affirmation of British rights or claims relative to Lake Tsana.

The Prime Minister declined to discuss details of the negotiations before their conclusion.—Reuter.

## "BRINGING UP BABY"

Though she has long been established as a leading dramatic actress, Katherine Hepburn had little opportunity to display her talent for comedy until she was cast in "Bringing Up Baby," which after being shown at a preview yesterday, opens at the Queen's Theatre to-day.

After her first sensational screen success in "A Bill of Divorcement," it would have seemed as illogical to picture Miss Hepburn as a comedienne as it would be to imagine the immortal Berchardt or Duse playing the title role in "Charlie's Aunt." But here she comes as a comedienne.

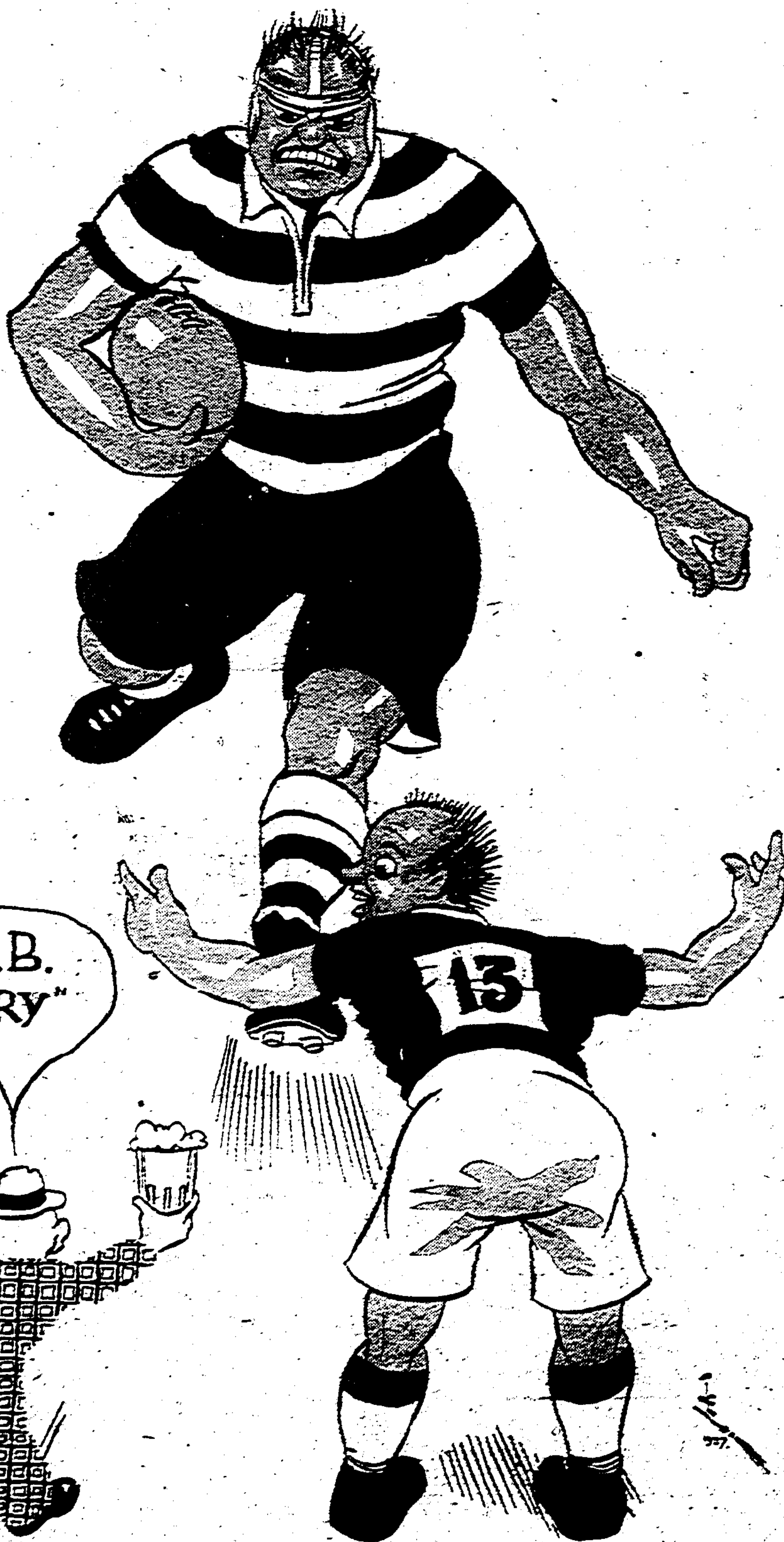
Yet the transition from comedy to tragedy and heavy drama has been made successfully so often in that order, that it seems only natural that a talented performer should have no difficulty in bridging the gap the other way.

Miss Hepburn's successful portrayal of a madcap heiress in her new film, therefore, should not surprise, even though it comes closely on the heels of her outstanding work in "Stage Door."

"Bringing Up Baby" is slapstick comedy at its best. Leopards roam the countryside, innocent people are jailed as criminals, a museum exhibit which has taken four years to construct crashes into a heap of miscellaneous bones, and a score or more of other madcap mishaps befall the characters in the film.

Katherine Hepburn and Cary Grant, who plays opposite her, get in and out of more trouble than the average pair of screen lovers encounter in a dozen pictures.

If you liked "The Awful Truth," you will like "Bringing Up Baby," and one knows of no better recommendation.



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# Nothing For Tenants In Rents Report

(Continued from Page 1)

erty owners must be regarded as legitimate investors and had it not been for the overbuilt position, the present acute shortage of accommodation would have been much accentuated."

The Commission cites figures showing heavy slumps in rent returns, contends, with the Government Assessor of Rates that, "tenants have for the past few years been holding a pistol to landlords' heads" and reaches the conclusion generally, on the statistics, that rentals have not gone back to pre-depression figures.

## CASES QUOTED

Numerous cases are analysed showing that, in 29 cases, rent has been raised above the 1933-34 level, in 22 cases has been restored to that level, in 52 cases has been raised above the 1937 level but has not yet reached the 1933-34 level, and in 27 cases has been raised above the 1937 level with no figures for pre-depression rental available.

Other figures quoted covering a period 1929-37 show gross annual rentals for a particular firm at a maximum of \$51,000 for 1930 and a minimum of \$18,600 in 1935.

The Commission adds: We are satisfied by the figures submitted to us, by the admissions of tenants, and from our own enquiries in the cases, where both landlord and tenant appeared before us, that there is no evidence that landlords as a whole are at present raising or notifying an intention to raise rents beyond, or even so high as, the level ruling before the depression. Two disinterested witnesses of importance thought there were a few hard cases, but that hard cases made bad law.

## RETURN ON CAPITAL

Discussing landlords' return on capital, the Commission quotes a representative of a European bank. He told us that his experience during the last six years had convinced him that the position of house owners had been growing worse all the time — "their revenue has gone." The bank had advanced money to many such owners. Valuations of property were arrived at by ascertaining the revenue derived from rents and calculating the capital sum on which such revenue would represent a return of 8%. This standard of calculation was not rigidly adhered to, but represents the broad basis of valuation. The usual advance was limited to 60% of the valuation, and interest was charged at 5%. The witness told us that in a great many cases during the depressed years landlords had not been able to obtain sufficient to pay the 5% interest on 60% of the valuation.

It has been suggested that in assessing a fair return on capital outlay, regard should be had to the conditions obtaining at the time when the expenditure was incurred. That is to say that if property is acquired at the peak of a boom period when property values are unusually high, it would be unreasonable in a landlord to expect a steady return of 7% on his abnormal expenditure. But the problem is essentially one of supply and demand, and the investor in house property who comes in on the crest of a wave, will inevitably suffer when the wave recedes. It seems a strong thing to say that when demand revives, the investor shall be debared from endeavouring to reimburse himself merely because his original investment was unduly optimistic.

## EVICCTIONS ISSUE

On the summary evictions issue, the Commission finds that landlords have perforce accepted unsatisfactory tenants during recent years. Tenants have been in arrears with their rent for months. Houses and flats have been constantly vacant, sometimes for years. Landlords have been called upon to pay enormous charges for excess water. Tenants by threatening to quit, have forced down rents to ex-

cessively low levels. We think that notices to quit have been given in many cases because the landlord is at last in a position to get rid of a bad tenant.

Unsatisfactory tenants may be dismissed without further notice, but the problem presented by the tenant who (a) is living in a class of premises which normally commands a rent he cannot afford to pay, or (b) is given notice to remove because the landlord requires the premises for his own use, is one of real difficulty.

## THE ANSWER

As regards class (a), the answer would simply be, if there were no shortage of accommodation, that now the landlord is in a position to demand and obtain an economic rent, the tenant must revert to the type of premises from which he came, but unhappily at the present time that type of premises has itself been taken up, and though the general restoration of pre-depression rents may gradually force successive classes of tenants one rung down the social ladder, yet the humblest class will be forced off the ladder altogether, and must either leave the Colony or sleep in the streets. The problem resolves itself into a balance of hardships. Is the landlord, who has suffered great losses, to forego his opportunity to recoup himself because his tenant is unable to pay an economic rent and cannot find alternative accommodation; or is the tenant, who has not unnaturally seized the opportunity to move into pleasanter surroundings, and who in most cases has now made strenuous but unsuccessful endeavours to secure cheaper premises, to be forced either to meet charges which in his circumstances are ruinous, or to be rendered homeless? The question can only be answered by having regard to the effect of any legislative intervention on the general prosperity of the whole community.

## TWO SOLUTIONS

What then are the possible solutions? They seem to us to be two in number — (a) the statutory restriction of rents, and (b) the inception of rapid house construction work. The second solution, whether achieved by governmental action or by private enterprise, has the obvious disadvantage that some time must inevitably elapse before it becomes effective.

As disinterested witnesses of importance have unanimously testified, the great difficulty inherent in a statutory restriction of rents is to devise an equitable basis upon which a standard rent may be assessed. If the level obtaining immediately before the present rise of rents commenced, be taken, then as we have shown the effect will be artificially to continue the depression as regards house property, owners and to deprive them of a living income. Legislation which will further undermine the already depreciated value of investments constituting, "a very large portion if not the bulk of the wealth of the Colony," can only work against the best interests of the community as a whole. The ruin of private enterprises, with holdings on so vast a scale must lead to repercussions the extent of which it is difficult to exaggerate.

## PREDEPRESSION LEVEL

If the level of rents obtaining before the depression be taken as a standard then in our view no benefit will be derived by the tenants, for we consider that the increases now proposed seldom restore the rents to the level of their obtaining. If rents be limited to a certain reasonable net percentage return on capital outlay again the tenants will not benefit as against the majority of landlords, for we are satisfied that landlords as a class will not derive an undue revenue from their investments, and such a measure would invite fraudulent valuation of property. It may be objected that rent restriction is still in force in England and was at one time in force in this Colony, to which we reply that circumstances which such restrictions will oppose bear no comparison to those we are now considering. We can only reach the conclusion that the statutory restriction of rents is an impracticable measure in present conditions.

## NEW CONSTRUCTION

On the question of the inception of rapid house construction work it is contended that although it is obvious that present rate of building is wholly inadequate and there is plenty of meet present conditions.

## PALESTINE COMMISSION

London, To-day.

The Palestine Partition Commission will leave London on April 21, and will probably stay in Palestine several months.

The members will make an extensive tour of the country, deciding on the proposed boundaries and examining economic and fiscal questions.—Reuter.

## MANCHUKUO AND ITALY

Rome, To-day.

The first Manchukuo diplomatic representative in Italy, Hsu Chao-ching, will arrive in Naples on Easter Monday on the "Terukini Maru."

Mr. Hsu is accompanied by two Legation secretaries and several officials who will form the personnel of the new Legation.—Trans-Ocean.

## PRINCE BERNHARD IN ITALY

Rome, To-day.

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, who is making a tour of Italy accompanied by his brother, Aschwin zu Lippe-Biesterfeld, arrived at Naples from Palermo yesterday.

After a stay of several days Prince Bernhard will continue his journey to Rome and Florence.—Trans-Ocean.

## TAIKOO DOCK TRAGEDY

Two men were killed and one seriously injured when an hydraulic rivet on which they were working, collapsed at the Taikoo Docks yesterday.

The P. and O. s.s. "Banpara" left Shanghai on the 12th instant and is due here on the 15th instant at about 6 a.m.

money lying either in the Colony, investors have no confidence in land.

Although there is a general rise in rents and a sharp decline of vacant accommodation, the market for the sale of land and house property remains depressed. Investors are not convinced that this demand for premises is more than temporary and they fear if they put their money into house property, they will, on the cessation of the present hostilities be faced with the same question of vacancies. Another factor depressing the market is the high cost of water. It is also pointed out that the rising cost of buildings must hamper development and the commission reaches the conclusion that while everything possible should be done to remove the difficulties indicated and to restore confidence in house property, it is doubtful whether any immediate private development can be hoped for. Referring to Government building of various type of houses the Commission observes that if private enterprise will not supply accommodation the only alternative is for Government to undertake the necessary construction, "but we would add that any action calculating to discourage private enterprise should be avoided in the interest of the Colony as a whole."

## PIOUS HOPE

It is earnestly to be hoped, says the Commission, in one of its concluding paragraphs, that concerns employing large clerical staffs will recognize that many of the employees are now compelled to pay increased rent in the absence of cheaper premises, and will adjust salaries or grant allowances to meet present conditions.

## AIR RAIDS PRECAUTIONS FOR PARIS

Paris, To-day.

The general council of the Seine Department yesterday adopted, by 480 votes to 5, a number of proposals by the Paris police prefect for air protection of Paris and environs.

The sum of 284,000,000 francs will be spent for buying gas masks for the civilian population.

The sum of 450,000,000 francs will be provided for construction of large bombproof shelters.

Another 15,000,000 francs will be expropriated for construction of special roads for speedy evacuation of the population.

Total appropriation for air defence will be 770,000,000 francs, to which the Seine Department will contribute 428,000,000 and the State 342,000,000.

The money will be raised by loans.—Trans-Ocean.

## STRIKE IN AIRCRAFT WORKS TERMINATED

Paris, To-day.

The strike in the Paris aircraft industry came to an end last evening, and the factories were evacuated by the strikers.

Work will recommence to-day when a new conference between workers and employers will be held in an effort to reach a final settlement.

The Government will be represented at the conference.—Trans-Ocean.

Paris, To-day.

A delegate meeting of the strikers in the aircraft industry last night approved the terms of settlement of the dispute.—Reuter.

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## MORE PEACE TALK

After a number of official statements repudiating hints from Shanghai that the British Ambassador would be carrying Japanese peace proposals to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, comes part confirmation from London. The Ambassador's "mediatory" mission is put in a somewhat different light it is true. Apparently, the approach was made by Mr. Tani in Shanghai in an informal conversation with Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, with an intimation that Japan was anxious to call the whole thing off and was prepared to be lenient! Leniency, we gather from well-informed, semi-official sources, implies Japan's willingness to let bygones be bygones provided she is left in undisturbed possession of all that part of China north of the Yellow River! Presumably, there would be a withdrawal of Japanese troops from Shantung and even from the larger part of the occupied territory along the Yangtze Valley, the Japanese having first assured themselves obedience to certain rules by the Chinese by an understanding which would not differ appreciably from the Tangku Truce stipulations. It is to be supposed that if Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr has been asked in all seriousness to submit such a plan to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, he will mention the matter to him, if he has not done so already. But we doubt very much whether he will present it seriously. His prolonged stay in Shanghai may be accepted as evidence that he was prepared to go fairly thoroughly into the matter, to assess the Japanese viewpoint. Having ascertained it, and being fairly well acquainted with the Chinese attitude, it is impossible to believe that His Excellency will strain his own or anyone else's patience in trying to convert China's leaders to accept a point of view which is diametrically contrary to every sound instinct as well as to intelligence. China's stand is clear enough. She is ready for peace if it means the freedom of China's territories and no further encroachment upon her sovereignty. She is today far too deeply committed to withdraw on any other terms. Moreover, there is nothing in the Japanese picture, politically, economically or militarily, to hustle her leaders into a futile surrender on any pretext. If anything, the situation indicates quite the reverse of that.

## Premier And Spain

Honesty in politics is becoming more than a little difficult to detect. The Prime Minister has, for some weeks, been countering Opposition charges of the despatch of fresh Italian reinforcements to Franco Spain (simultaneously with Anglo-Italian conversations) with refusal to accept such evidence of reinforcement as has been provided. On Monday, with implied denials no longer possible, the Prime Minister took refuge in the view that the recent operations in Spain had not been materially affected by the equally recent Italian reinforcements. The fact that Franco has made remarkable progress after a long stalemate is apparently just another coincidence.

All we mean is that Mr. Chamberlain would command more sympathy and support were he open and aboveboard. It might then be possible discreetly to overlook the assurances given by Count Grandi during the Eden resignation crisis, and prior to the opening of the Anglo-Italian conversations, and Mr. Chamberlain's declaration of his full confidence in Mussolini's intention of honouring his promises.

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## Major Sees It Through

What is described as "the most courageous and most isolated" English-speaking theatre in the world has just been discovered. An American whose main interest is the drama has just been making a tour of the Antipodes and the South Seas. In the heart of the goldfields of New Guinea he came across a town named Wau, with a population of 700, mostly miners. Its situation is so remote that everything in it—not only the inhabitants themselves but all their belongings—has been transported to it from the sea coast by aeroplane over mountain ranges 7,000 feet high.

In this otherwise inaccessible spot the visitor found, during the week of his stay, a "savagely eager" theatrical group playing Mr. J. B. Priestley's "Dangerous Corner." The director of the group was "a fierce little British major with bristling white moustache." The men in this production were superb (or so the discoverer of it reports) giving hardest-boiled West Enders would have cheered, and the performances which even the scenery was of professional quality though the amateur work of the major himself.

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## The Highfalutin

In bestowing mysterious, semi-poetical names on their new-season models and dress materials the fashion-makers are merely following the practice of the eighteenth century. Describing the appearance of a great lady at the Court of Louis XIV, a contemporary diarist wrote: "She was arrayed in a robe of Stiffed Sighs, adorned with Superfluous Regrets, the edges pointed with Perfect Candour, trimmed with Indiscreet Compliments." She wore ribbons of Marked Attention, and shoes of the colour of Queen's Hair, embroidered with diamonds in treacherous stripes. Above her curls of Elevated Sentiments was a headpiece of Certain Conquest trimmed with fickle feathers, while over her shoulder hung an Abasom Truss of Momentary Agitation." Which jargon was perfectly intelligible, no doubt, to ladies of the Old Regime.



# IMMINENT CAPTURE OF YIHSIEN REPORTED

Japanese Strive Vainly To Smash Cordon

## MAHATMA GANDHI IMPROVES

Calcutta, To-day.  
Mahatma Gandhi's health, has improved, and he is expected to go to Delhi to-day.  
While in Delhi he will possibly interview the Viceroy.—Reuter.

## PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DISILLUSIONED

Washington, To-day.

Disillusionment in high quarters here over the European developments is believed to govern President Roosevelt's nomination of the United States "Ambassador-at-Large," Mr. Norman Davis, as Chairman of the American Red Cross.

This will mean that Mr. Davis will be too busy to make any more of those diplomatic trips to Europe for which the time is now considered unpropitious.

President Roosevelt declared yesterday that there is no reason why Mr. Norman Davis should remain Chairman of the United States delegation to the Disarmament Conference, since the Conference is "pretty dead anyhow." — Reuter.

A small fire broke out shortly after eleven o'clock this morning on the roof of No. 3, Wing Woo Street.

## Chinese Breaking Down Stubborn Resistance

Shanghai, To-day.

The Chinese still report favourably on the new offensives in south Shantung and south-west of Shanghai, according to the latest messages received.

The Chinese forces expect at any moment to enter The city of Yih sien, where the Japanese forces were concentrated after the defeat at Taierchwang.

Reports conflict regarding the initiative of the fighting near Taihu Lake. One report speaks of Chinese attacks being vigorously resisted, while others state that the Japanese completely failed to dislodge the Chinese forces. — Reuter.

Hankow, To-day.

A decisive struggle for the possession of Yih sien and Tsaochwang, on the branch line of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway leading from Lincheng to Taierchwang, broke out with greatest violence yesterday afternoon. The Chinese have completely encircled Yih sien. The Japanese attempted to break through this ring northwest of the town on Monday afternoon in order to re-establish connection with the Japanese at Tsaochwang, but this attempt, according to Chinese reports from the front, failed.

**TSAOCHWANG SURROUNDED**  
Tsaochwang is also surrounded by strong Chinese troops. The Japanese, who on Sunday still held a number of fortified positions outside Tsaochwang have been obliged, according to Chinese reports, to

withdraw into Tsaochwang. The Chinese have opened an attack on Tsaochwang from all sides, infantry and machine-gun fire being effectively supported by artillery fire and planes.

According to latest Chinese reports no less than 1,500 Japanese have fallen in the last two days in the struggle for Tsaochwang.

The aim of the Chinese operations on the north Tientsin-Pukow Railway is to prevent the Japanese from breaking through to Taierchwang on the southern frontier of Shantung province, cost what it may.

### TSENAN AIM

For this reason the Chinese positions have been strengthened. This consideration is also accorded to

## NAVAL DOCKYARD POLICEMAN FOUND SHOT

Police Sergeant Inchcombe was found dead at six a.m. to-day, at the Naval Dockyard. He is a Dockyard policeman and an enquiry is proceeding. It is understood that the deceased died as the result of a gunshot wound.

It is learned that the full name of the victim was Ernest Harold Inchcombe. Two revolvers were found at his side. One was loaded with faulty ammunition.

The deceased was an ex-Chief Petty Officer of the Royal Navy and had been in the Naval Yard Police for the past 10 years.

A postmortem was held this morning. Inspector Rozesky and Sub-Inspector Darkin are in charge of the enquiry.

the Chinese attacks on Tsinanfu. To judge from the number of troops employed by the Chinese it would appear as though it were not the intention of the Chinese to take the town of Tsinanfu. It seems rather as though the strategic aim of the struggle is merely to obstruct the efforts of the Japanese garrisons in the Tsinan-Tsingtao Railway front.—Trans-Ocean.

## Chinese Clearly Hold The Upper Hand In Shantung, States "The Times"

London, To-day.

Recent major Chinese victories are the subject of a long article in "The Times" which, in addition to pointing out the true significance of these Chinese successes, calls attention to the fact that the Japanese have carefully refrained from revealing to the Japanese public the true plight of their troops in China, and that the months long campaign for possession of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway has led to a series of defeats and reverses.

"Since February" says the paper, "the Japanese have endeavoured to take the important strategical town of Hsuechow and, although other villages and towns have fallen into their hands, they have never been able to attain their principal objective. Moreover, the Chinese resistance has increased in the course of time and to-day it can be asserted, without fear of contradiction, that the Chinese hold the upper hand in Shantung province and that Hsuechow is secure against further

Japanese attacks."

### DECIDEDLY UNFAVOURABLE

Praising the successful Chinese operations of the past days the paper states, "the Chinese fought with more skill, courage and spirit of common endeavour than at any time during the undeclared war and there are certainly no indications that the morale amongst the Chinese troops has suffered. The present military situation may be described as decidedly unfavourable to the Japanese." — Trans-Ocean.



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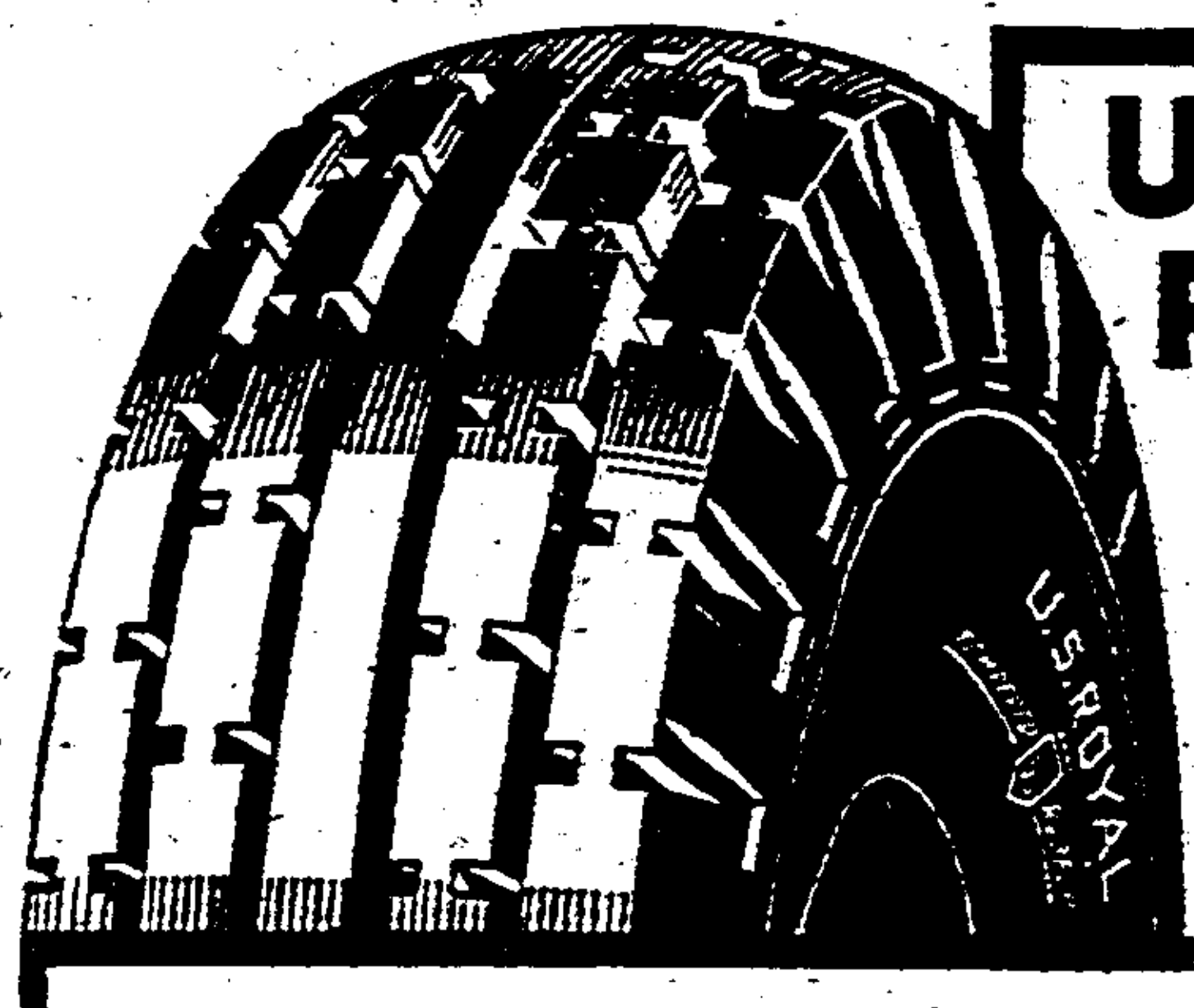
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## Death Of Fyodor Chaliapin: Remarkable Career

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Fyodor Ivanovich Chaliapin, the world famous Russian bass, died at his Paris home yesterday aged 65.

Chaliapin, who at the peak of his career enjoyed a reputation and popularity such as few singers have experienced, was born at Kazan, on the River Volga, on February 15, 1873.

His early career was varied and adventurous, and he was by turn porter, shoemaker, hunter and streetsweeper.

He received his first musical training as a choirboy in Kazan, but his first serious studies as a singer were made under Oussatov at Tiflis.

He then sang at the Summer Theatre in St. Petersburg, and later at the Imperial Opera Houses there and at Moscow, where he scored his first outstanding successes.

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### PARIS STRIKES OVER

Paris, To-day.

It was announced in the lobbies of the Chamber of Deputies that the strikes in the aircraft factories ended last night following talks between the Minister of Labour and delegates of workers and employers.—Reuter.

to his native country, where, however, he retained his old popularity.

### PREFERRED WEST

He obviously preferred to make his home in the Western world although some of his Russian friends tried to persuade him to establish his permanent domicile in the Soviet Union.—Trans-Ocean.

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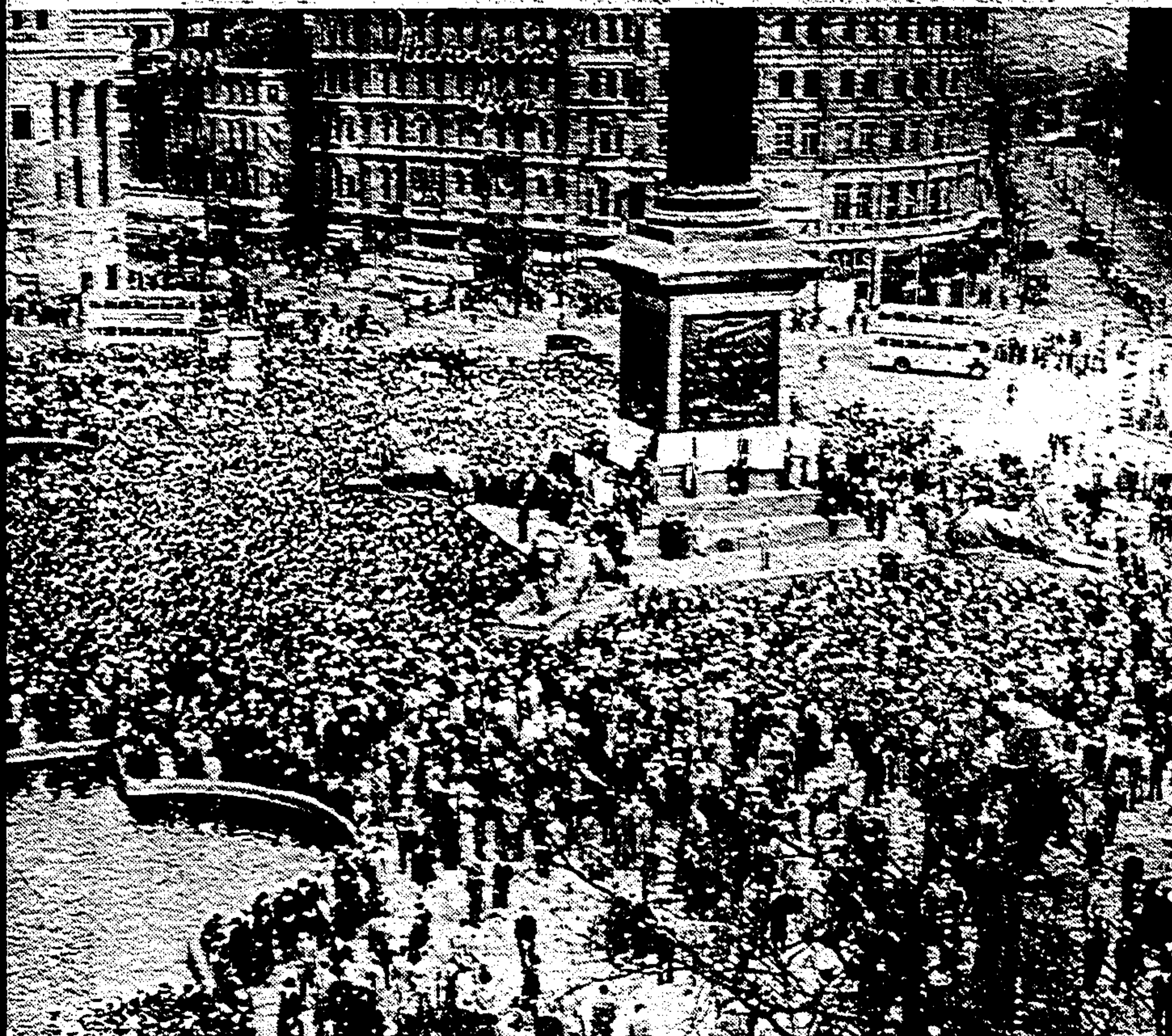
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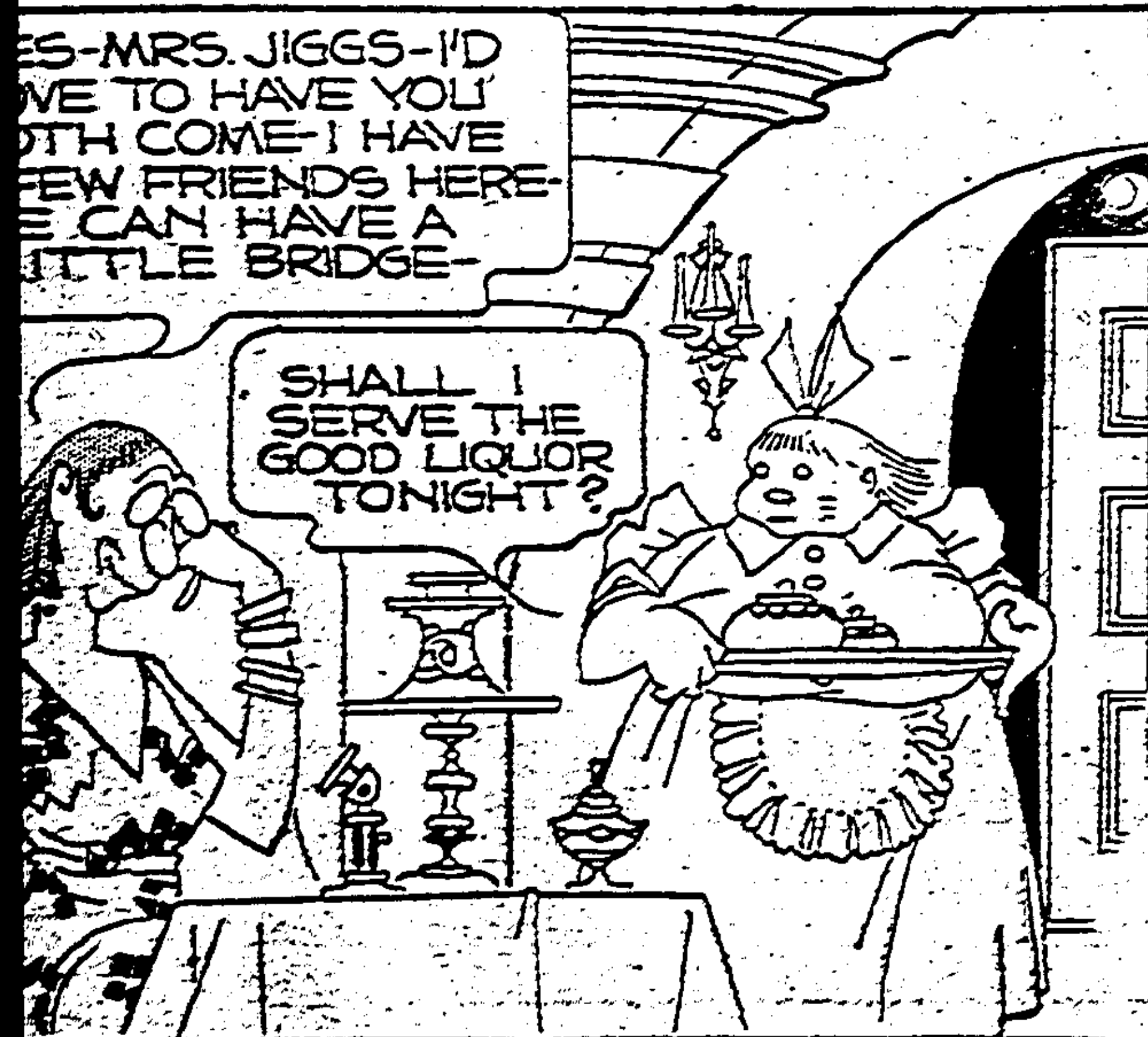
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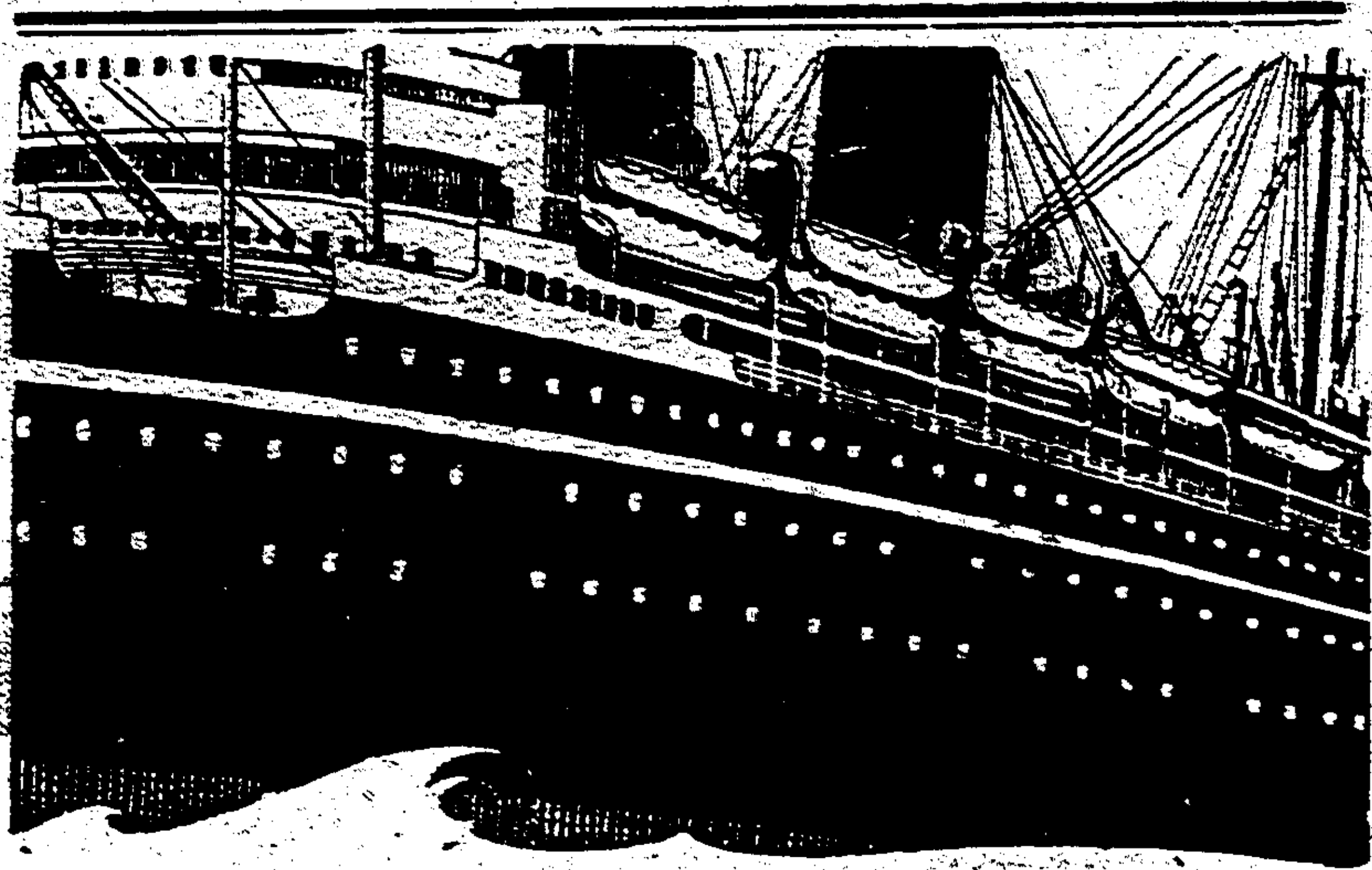
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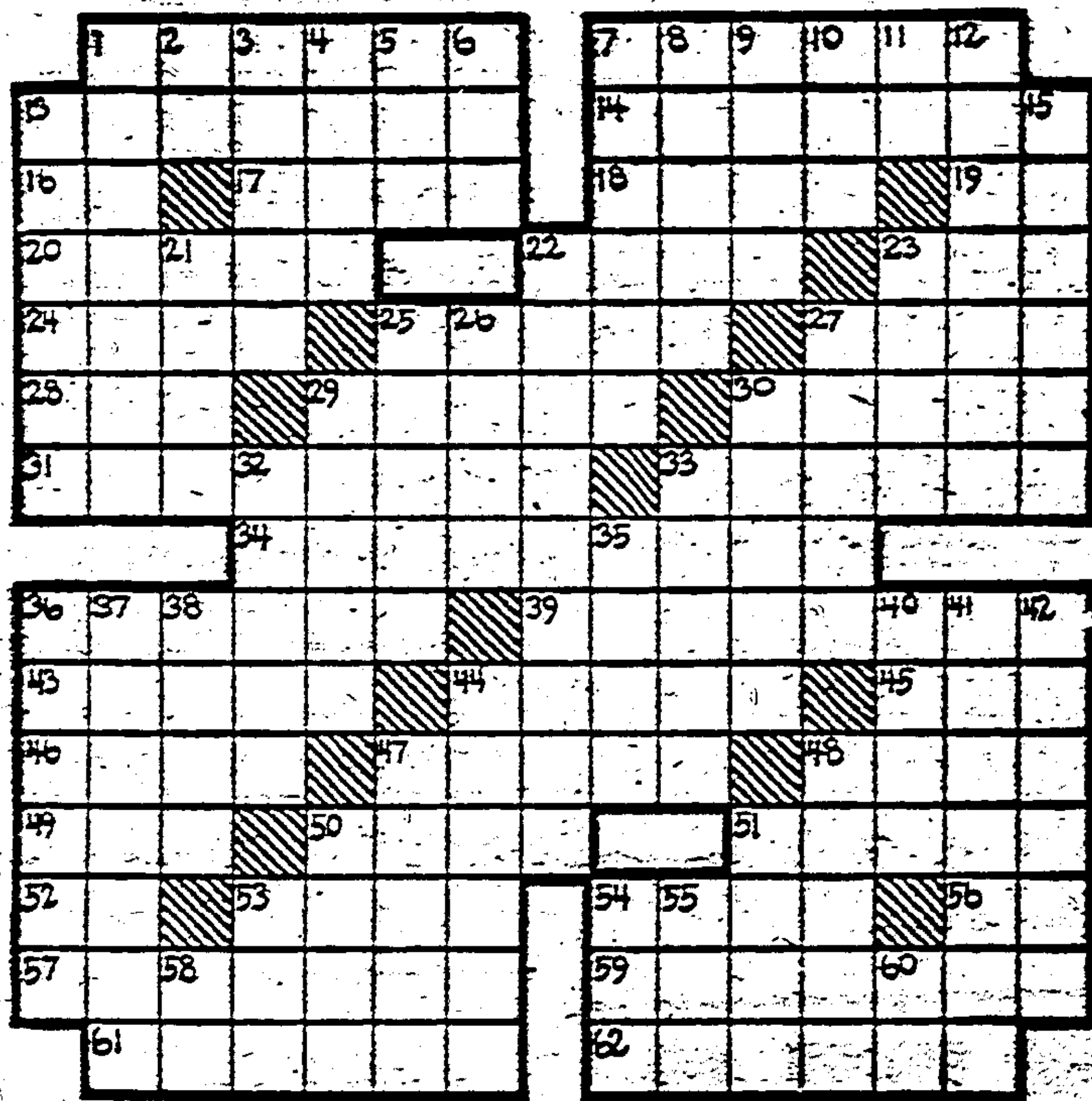
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## LOCAL SHARES

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 Hong Kong Bank \$1535 sa.  
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 Union Ins. \$530 b.  
 China Underwriters \$2.10 b.  
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 Douglases \$80 b.  
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 Paracale Gumans Ps. .18 sa.  
 San Mauricio Ps. .41 sa.  
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**LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.**  
 H. K. and S. Hotels \$6.40 b., \$6.40 sa.  
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**PUBLIC UTILITIES.**  
 H. K. Tramways \$15.80 b., \$15.80 b.  
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 Peak Trams (Old) \$7 b.  
 China Lights (Old) \$11.85 b., \$12 sa.  
 H. K. Electrics \$59 1/2 b.  
 Telephones (Old) \$26 1/2 b.  
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**INDUSTRIALS.**  
 Cements \$17 b., ex. div.  
 H. K. Ropes \$4.40 b.  
**STORES, & C.**  
 Watsons \$6.15 b., \$6 1/4 sa.  
 Lane, Crawfords \$9 1/4 b.  
**COTTON MILLS.**  
 Wing On Textiles \$1.35 b.  
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 Constructions \$1 1/2 b.  
 Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/- 3/10 b.

## LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2 3/4.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 18-13/16 and forward at 18 1/2.

The London on New York rate was quoted at \$-U.S.\$4.9743 and the New York on London rate at \$-U.S.\$4.975/16.

## Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

May/June 20 b. Up 5/8.  
 July/Sept. 20 1/2 b. Up 5/8.  
 Oct./Dec. 20 3/4 b. Up 5/8.  
 Market:—Steady.

## BRITAIN'S GROSS SHIP TONNAGE

London, To-day.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade circulated the following information yesterday.

Gross tonnage of steam and motor vessels of 100 tons gross and over, excluding tankers, registered in Great Britain and Ireland in July, 1937, was 14,903,000. It is estimated that tonnage of tramps, cargo liners and combined passenger and cargo liners included in this total amounted to about 12,800,000 tons gross.

Steam and motor tonnage of 100 tons gross and over, including tankers, registered in Great Britain and Ireland on July 1, 1913, amounted to 18,274,000 tons gross. Vessels included cannot readily be classified but on the basis of such information as is available it is probable that the gross tonnage of tramp, cargo liners and combined passenger and cargo liners included in the total was about 16,000,000.

Gross tonnage of all descriptions of British steam and motor vessels of 100 tons gross and over registered at ports outside Great Britain and Ireland was 2,610,000 on July 1, 1937, and 1,575,000 on July 1, 1913. Information is not available to classify vessels.—British Wireless.

## OIL DISCOVERY IN JUGOSLAVIA

Hopes that oil in commercial quantities exists near Sarajevo have been raised following experimental borings made there by order of the Yugoslav Government.

The Mayor of Sarajevo, said he was confident that the find was of great value.

"The oil is still gushing from the successful boring in great quantities," he said. "Since the beginning of the week several thousand gallons have come to the surface."

"My Government has spent a lot of money in experimental borings. I believe that the oil we have discovered here will repay the expense and will be productive commercial proposition."

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# JUNIOR INTERPORT SOCCER TRIAL



## ANNUAL INTER-CLUB GOLF MATCH

Kowloon G.C. To Meet  
Happy Valley G.C.  
On Good Friday

The first of this year's bi-annual golf matches between the Kowloon Golf Club and the Happy Valley Section, of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, will take place on Good Friday over the Kowloon City Course.

In the last match between these two clubs played at the Valley on October 10, Kowloon beat the Valley Club by 15 points to 14½.

The following are the starting times.

	HAPPY VALLEY	KOWLOON
9.00 a.m.	R. Young	T. D. Paton
9.04 "	J. Rodger	W. A. Stewart
9.08 "	E. T. McMullen	G. Milne
9.12 "	R. G. Parker	A. L. Eastman
9.16 "	A. D. Humphreys	F. C. Barry
9.20 "	H. H. Mundy	J. D. Thomson
9.24 "	W. S. Hillier	A. A. Lopes
9.28 "	T. B. Low	R. L. Moncrieff
9.32 "	J. A. R. Selby	W. V. Ahern
9.36 "	G. E. Willerton	E. O. Murphy
9.40 "	F. E. Booker	C. G. Anderson
9.44 "	D. Humphreys	W. Bastin
9.48 "	G. T. May	W. M. Groves
9.52 "	N. J. Booker	E. M. Han'ou
9.56 "	W. J. Buller	T. Henderson
10.00 "	A. Brooksbank	W. Stoker
	RESERVES	
10.04 "	F. Buckle	E. H. Watts
10.08 "	N. J. Bebbington	M. A. Cairns

## STRONG TEAM CAN BE SELECTED FROM AVAILABLE TALENT

### Intermediate Line Will Provide Main Problem

PARTAB SINGH FOR LEFT-WING?  
(By "OUTSIDE LEFT")

JUNIOR football has been of such high standard this season, that considerable interest has been aroused over the probable composition of the Junior League Interport team to meet Macao, on May 8, on the Kowloon Football Club ground, in the second match of the series.

Unlike the Shanghai-Hong Kong Senior Interport, where 20 to 30 of the best players are chosen for a trial, the junior Interport offers a more difficult problem in that there are over 300 players from which to select the team!

Next Sunday's trial, on the Club ground, should see 22 of the leading juniors in action, although it is extremely doubtful at the moment whether Partab Singh, of the Kumaon Rifles, will be able to participate, as he will be playing hockey for the Colony, against Macao, on the Navy ground at King's Park.

Partab Singh is worthy of a soccer trial and I hope that if he fails to make an appearance this Sunday, he will given another chance.

There are four goalkeepers in view and of these two stand out above the others. I refer to Hall, of the 20th Battery, R.A., who is the probable choice, and Jefferies, of Kowloon, who is now playing in the latter's senior eleven. Of these two, Hall is the more experienced, with a fine sense of anticipation. Other keepers who may catch the eye are Lee Kwok, of Kwong Wah and Coppard, of the Middlesex.

The selection of the two full-backs should not prove too difficult a task. Chung Fai-lam, of Kwong Wah, is almost a certainty in view of his past record (he used to play for South China "B" several seasons ago), while Haysmith, of the Royal Scots, has been most impressive in the few matches we have seen him in action. Box, of the Royal Engineers, is not spectacular, but very sound and cool, while Lee Shu-ka (Kwong Wah), Winstanley (5th A. A. Bde. R. A.) and Viaugniaux (R.A.O.C.) may also catch the selectors' eyes.

One of the biggest problems will be the selection of the intermediate line, as there is a wealth of talent in this department at the disposal of the Committee.

For the right-half berth there are two outstanding men. Fisher-Cooke (R.A.O.C.) was local English International reserve, while Denham, of the R.E., is also a very sound player, constructive play being his main asset.

#### LAND OR DUDDERIDGE?

Land and Duddridge, of the Sappers, are both good enough to fill the centre-half berth, but I understand that the former is not available—a pity. Duddridge is, however, a fine pivot who rarely wastes a pass and whose spilling has always been first class. Then there is Yeung Tse-tsang, of Kwong Wah, who, although small in stature

## TWO SCOTTISH LEAGUE RESULTS.

Third Lanark's Fine Away Victory

London, To-day.—Two matches in the First Division of the Scottish League were held yesterday. Partick losing at home to Third Lanark by 3 goals to 1, while St. Mirren beat Motherwell at home by three clear goals.—Renter.

is, however, a fine constructive player.

Yau Wah-hing of South China former South China "B" player, and Maxwell, of Kowloon, who has recently been promoted to the seniors, will vie for left-half honours, and of the two I prefer the latter.

There is no reason why the Junior Interport team should not field a forward line as good as any in the First Division with the talent available.

#### MY ATTACK

After considering the various players, I find that the following would probably be hard to beat: Bancroft (P.A.), Marabelle (Middlesex Izzard), Calvert (R.A.) and Partab Singh (Kumaons).

The R.A.M.C. also have several players who will be on view next Sunday when they clash with the Portuguese Sporting Association, in their deciding match for Third

## HOCKEY CORRECTION!

It was erroneously reported in yesterday's issues of the "China Mail" that Bickford would be a reserve for the Civilians against Macao. The correct list of reserves should read: V. M. Benwell (goalkeeper), E. V. Reed (full-back), W. A. Brown (half-back), V. Bond and A. P. Souza (forwards).

Division honours. I understand that the Selection Committee will make a point of witnessing this game, which follows the Interport trial as the P.S.A. also have one or two men who may find a place in the team.

#### OTHER CLAIMANTS

Webb (full-back), Pym, Allen and Gantzer, of the Medicals, and Gaan (centre-forward), Pereira (centre-half) and the Santos brothers "C" and "J" will be the players the Selectors will have to keep their eyes on.

It will be seen from the above that the Selectors have no easy task before them, and I suggest that they hold another trial before making their final decisions.

The teams for next Sunday's trial are:—

Probables:—Hall (20th R.A.); Chung Fai-lum (Kwong-wah) and Haysmith (Royal Scots); Fisher Cooke (Ordinance), Land (Engineers); and Yau Wah-hing (South China); Bancroft (5th A.A.R.A.), Marabelle (Middlesex), Izzard (Middlesex), Calvert (5th A.A.R.A.) and Partab Singh (Kumaon Rifles).

Possibles:—Jefferies (Kowloon); Box (Engineers) and Lo Shuckar (Kwong-wah); Denham (Engineers); Yeung Tse-tsang (Kwong-wah); Maxwell (Kowloon); Marshall (24th R.A.); P. Wilson (Club), Betts (Kowloon), Elton (Air Force) and Percival (5th A.A.R.A.).

Reserves:—Duddridge (Engineers), Coppard (Middlesex), Duffield (Ordinance), Li Kwok-kee (Kwong-wah), Viaugniaux (Ordinance), Winstanley (5th A.A.R.A.) and Lai Ting-choy (Eastern).

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# TOMMY FARR'S BIGGEST THRASHING

## BAER SCORES THREE KNOCKDOWNS AT MADISON-SQUARE

*But Welshman Adds To His Reputation By His Gameness*

New York, March 12.

TOMMY FARR'S hopes of another world championship fight vanished completely at Madison-square Garden last night, when he received the biggest thrashing of his career in losing on points to Max Baer.

A capacity crowd of over 18,000 people saw a stirring battle—the best heavyweight fight since that in which Max Schmeling knocked out Joe Louis in 1936.

It was the old, hard-hitting, tigerish Baer of his championship days, the Baer who knocked out Schmeling and Carnera. There was "devil" in his punches, and only Farr's toughness and indomitable spirit prevented a knock-out. Farr was shaken again and again by blows that would have knocked out most other fighters.

As it was, Farr was floored three times, once for a count of six. But he never stopped boring in to attack. He added to his already enviable reputation for gameness, if that were possible.

The new punching power promised by Farr's backers was not there. Compared with Baer's punch, Farr's would not have dented a pat of butter. Against the Baer of last night—a very different Baer from the one he beat in London last year—Farr could do nothing but stand up and take it. He often scored with a left jab, but, though pretty, it was futile against Baer's sledgehammer onslaught.

### FIRST THRILL

The first thrill came mid-way through the second round when Baer put Farr on the floor. But it was only for a count of one. Farr took a heap of punishment in this round, but weathered the storm.

Once again at the beginning of the next round he was knocked off his balance. This time he stayed down for six seconds. He was badly shaken, and there was a cut under his right eye which later developed into a nasty gash. Farr, however, was not done by a long way. His powers of recovery were remarkable, and he fought back to win the fourth round.

### PUNCHING BAG

In the next few rounds Baer used Farr like a punching bag in a

gymnasium, and Farr did not get another round until the tenth, in which he completely closed Baer's left eye. Farr also probably won the twelfth, at the end of which Baer looked a bit worried. He had taken some hard blows himself in this round, and Farr looked as fresh as ever.

Both showed signs of tiredness in the thirteenth round but Baer could bring out a heavy punch that would shake Farr. After an exchange of blows in the fourteenth, Farr slipped, but got up immediately. Farr scored enough points with his left to win the last round, but only a knock-out could have won the fight for him.

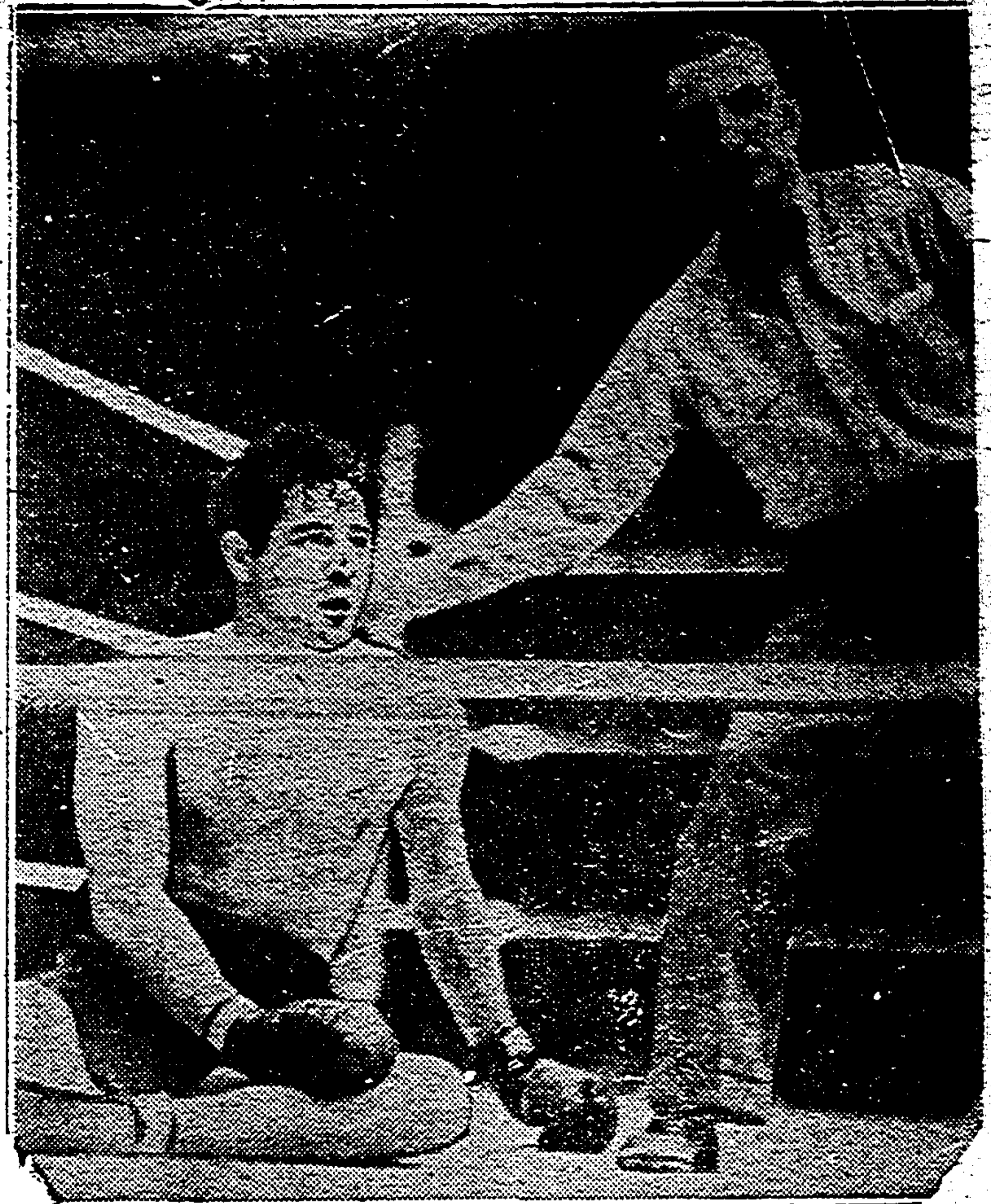
### FARR—TWO ROUNDS OR FIVE?

They went at it with such blind determination that they continued fighting after the bell in five of the rounds. Farr's gameness was remarkable. After all the punishment he took for 14 rounds, he still had enough fighting power to win the final round.

The referee, Arthur Donovan—who gave Farr only one round in his fight with Joe Louis—gave Baer 13 rounds and Farr two. One of the judges made Baer win 11 rounds, Farr 3, with 1 drawn, and the other judge gave Baer 9 rounds, Farr 5, with 1 drawn.

### DID NOT FORGET

Farr was an odds-on favourite at 2-1 in the betting when the fight started. Neither was apparently really popular with the crowd, and there was some booing when they



Max Baer, seen above as he was being counted out after being fearfully punished by Joe Louis, the Negro holder of the world heavyweight championship, is reported to have stated that he will not, "quit Joe Louis the next time I meet him." Baer earned the right to meet Louis again as a result of beating Tommy Farr, on points, recently in New York.

appeared in the ring. At the finish, however, the spectators stood on their chairs and cheered for several minutes. Baer went into the ring what Americans call a "bum," but came out a "champion."

This time Farr did not forget to shake hands after the fight, as he did when he fought James Braddock. After the decision was announced Farr and Baer posed together for the photographers, and even drank out of the same water-bottle as a gesture of friendship. All the

pre-fight hard words had apparently been forgotten.

### AMERICANISING FARR'S STYLE

Job Churchill, Farr's Welsh adviser, interviewed at Tonypandy today, deplored present efforts to Americanise Farr's style of boxing, and added that he considered his old style was the best.

Churchill added that if Farr had stuck to "hit and get away" tactics, and not mixed it with Baer, he would have won. "I think Tommy made a mistake in going to America," he said.

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# BRITAIN'S NOTE TO MEXICO

## Expropriation Methods Strongly Condemned

### CONDUCT OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS CRITICISED

London, To-day.

Severe censure of the Mexican Government's methods in expropriating the British oil fields is made in a British note to Mexico just published.

The note admits the Mexican Government's right to expropriate in the public interest on payment of adequate compensation, but that the principle does not justify expropriation of an essentially arbitrary character.

After reviewing the legal proceedings in which the note alleges, essential evidence was improperly excluded, inadequately considered or unjustifiably overridden, the note says the severity of the Mexican Government's harsh arbitrary step is disproportionate to the exigencies of the situation.

#### REAL MOTIVE

The British Government is of the opinion that the real motive for expropriation was of a political nature and to acquire permanently for Mexico, ownership of the oil fields, and it was tantamount to confiscation under the veil of legality.

The consequences have been a denial of justice and transgression of international law.

The note formally requests restoration of the properties.—Reuter.

Trans-Ocean adds that the Mexican reply to the British note is still outstanding.

### CROSSWORD COMPETITION

The three prizes of two Dress Circle tickets to see the RKO Radio picture, "Bringing Up Baby" are awarded to:

- (1) Mr. Owen Hong Sling.
- (2) Mr. Anthony P. Chong.
- (3) Mr. George Karpusheff.

The first three successful entries received. The correct solution is as follows:

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Flying Officer Clouston and Mr. Victor Ricketts, reached Croydon on March 26 after their record breaking flight to New Zealand and back. Photo shows—Flying Officer Clouston (left) and Ricketts being greeted on arrival at Croydon. (Copyright: By Air Mail).

### MUSIC IN H.K. SCHOOLS

The Board of Education, at its meeting this week, considered the following questions:—

1. The desirability of introducing Music and the Arts and Crafts into Government and Grant-in-Aid Anglo-Chinese Schools as a regular part of the curriculum.

The Board approved in principle and appointed a sub-committee to advise on the time and method of the introduction.

2. The desirability of making a colloquial knowledge of Chinese compulsory for British teachers belonging to the Education Department.

The Board expressed the opinion that in the case of future entrants British teachers under the Education Department should be required to study Colloquial Chinese.

### TSUI YUN PUI TO BEAT RUMJAHN?

#### TO-DAY'S MATCH ON STAND COURT

Probably the best tennis match in the Semi-Final Round of the Open Championships will be featured this afternoon, on the Stand Court when Tsui Yun-pui, who is favoured in many circles to reach the final, will meet H. D. Rumjahn, the holder, who was within an ace of being eliminated by Willy Hung last week, in the quarter-finals, in their open Singles semi-final tie.

Neither of to-day's semi-finalists received much opposition in their path to the present stage. H. D. Rumjahn has definitely deteriorated, and, in his match against W. C. Hung, revealed many loopholes in his defence which Tsui Yun-pui is certain to discover this afternoon.

Tsui Yun-pui is probably the most improved tennis player of the year. He did not take part in last year's Championships as he was away from the Colony, but he has improved out of recognition, his stroking being beautiful and the ease with which he eliminated Paul Kong, one of the most seasoned players in the Colony, was extraordinary. Tsui's only weakness at the moment seems to be over-head, but he should have no cause to worry here.

To-day's match will be over five sets and will commence sharply at 4.45 p.m.

#### HOW THEY REACHED THE SEMI-FINALS

**TSUI YUN PUI:**  
beat W. J. Skinner 6-0, 6-1.  
beat Pang Oi-lam 6-3, 6-2.  
beat S. S. Hussain 6-1, 6-2.  
beat Paul Kong 6-3, 6-4.

**H. D. RUMJAHN:**  
(received bye into 2nd round)  
beat S. A. Hussain 6-3, 6-2.  
beat T. A. Pearce 6-2, 6-4.  
beat W. C. Hung 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.  
The following is to-day's programme:—

#### TO-DAY

**Open Singles Semi-Final**  
(Lower half)—Stand Court  
Tsui Yun-pui v. H. D. Rumjahn (holder).  
**Club Handicap Doubles**  
J. J. Ferguson and J. M. Wilson (scr.) v. A. T. Dow and H. D. Bidwell (—3.6) or E. E. Storey and N. L. H. Bailton (—4.6).  
**Handicap Mixed Doubles**  
H. Owen Hughes and Miss J. Smith (—15.2) v. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Valentine (scr.).



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## JAPAN'S NAVY REVOLUTION: SENSATIONAL DISCOVERY

Washington, To-day.

It is learned reliably that the Navy Department has been informed that Japan is building a fleet of super-cruisers of 16,000 and 18,000 tons, whose unmatched speed, mobility and striking power may revolutionise naval tactics.

It is reported that three such vessels at present are being built. Capable of a speed of 40 knots they are armed with eight or nine 12-inch guns.

A high American naval official stated yesterday: "If such ships are building they represent perhaps the most powerful sea weapon in existence."

"While they could not successfully engage a battleship in close fighting, they would be more powerful than any British or United States cruiser, and would be the scourge of the world's shipping lanes." — Reuter.

### JAPANESE STATEMENT

Tokyo, To-day.

The Navy Minister, Admiral Yonai, told newspaper correspondents yesterday that Japan "deplores the present competition in naval armaments, but is prepared to go the pace with other Powers, as we need a powerful navy in order to preserve peace in the Far East."

Admiral Yonai, who has just made a tour of Western Japan, said he was highly satisfied with the progress of Japanese munition factories, which had developed an enormous output and were thus helping to make Japan independent of foreign imports. — Trans-Ocean.

## GALES AND FROSTS ROUND EUROPE

London, To-day.

Weather conditions in Southern Europe and the Atlantic have been extremely unfavourable.

At Naples, shipping has been held up for two days by what is described as one of the worst storms ever experienced.

At night, frosts are ruining the fruit crops in some parts of Italy.

In Switzerland a heavy frost is destroying fruit blossoms, and is causing serious damage to fruit crops.

The liner "Queen Mary," arriving at Southampton yesterday, had one of the worst crossings in her history. — Reuter.

## BRITISH RADIO

London, To-day.

The approximate total number of wireless licences in force at the end of March, 1938, was 8,590,750, as compared with 8,127,630 at the end of March, 1937, an increase during the year of 463,120. — British Wireless.

## JAPANESE NOTE TO CHINA POWERS

Peiping, To-day.

A note sent to the British and other foreign Embassies and Legations in Peiping yesterday by the Japanese Embassy at the request of the Japanese military authorities, asks third Powers to

Notify the Japanese Command of the positions of foreign property in the fighting area.

Demands the authorities under General Chiang Kai-shek to prohibit Chinese troops from approaching or using foreign property.

Warns the Chinese against use of third-power flags, and asks foreign nationals to withdraw from the fighting area temporarily.

The note also warns the Powers that unless illegal use of flags is stopped, discrimination between legal and illegal use of flags will be impossible, and in the event of infringement of foreign flags, the authorities will not bear the responsibility. — Reuter.

## CATTLE PLAGUE IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

'Foot and mouth' disease, the recent outbreak of which caused the largest standstill order for British cattle and stock ever issued by the Ministry of Agriculture was debated last evening in the House of Lords.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, the Earl of Feversham, replying for the Government said that after the last epidemic which began in the South Eastern Counties, this further series of outbreaks was a great disappointment.

It was essential to check any further distribution of the disease by the movement of animals and it was necessary to obtain a breathing space so that it would be possible to track down every single animal which might have been exposed to infection.

### CONTROL HOPE

"We hope to complete our investigations at an early date. We hope that the actual spread of infection will not prove to be so serious as we had at first anticipated. If within the next few days this view is confirmed and the Minister is satisfied that the spread of disease has been checked we anticipate that a substantial restriction of the control area will be possible, even if it proves impossible entirely to withdraw the order covering those parts which are nearest to the infected area. Local restriction measures have been studied over a number of years. They have stood the test well."

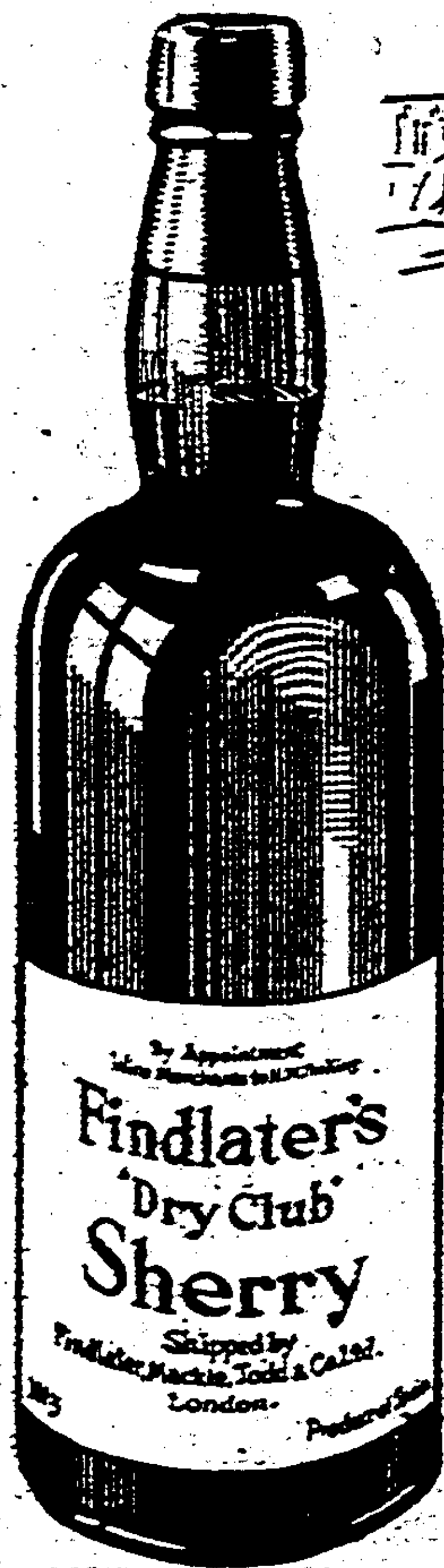
### METHODS UPHOLD

"They represent what is practicable in this country and I think that, comparing outbreaks in this country to outbreaks on the Continent, you will unanimously agree that the regulations are effective."

"The Government would prefer to rely on the existing restrictions and the powers which owners have in keeping people off their lands and on the slaughtering policy rather than on measures the inconvenience of which will outweigh any possible advantages which might be derived from them." — British Wireless.



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## CHINESE ATTACKING OVER YELLOW R.

Peiping, To-day.

While all possible Japanese reinforcements from North China have been sent to the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front after the recent reverses, the Chinese have resumed their offensive on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, and are attacking Engshien, Taiyuan and Pinglu, all north of the Yellow River.

The Japanese claim they have beaten off the Chinese attacks with heavy losses. — Reuter.

## MOONLIGHT AIR RAID AT HANKOW

Canton, To-day.

According to messages this morning from Hankow, the Wuhan cities were raided by Japanese planes last evening, when a fleet of enemy air-craft in bright moon-light, soared overhead.

Chinese planes went up to challenge them, and drove them off. The visitors dropped 10 bombs, most of which fell in paddy fields. — Our Own Correspondent.



## Talk On Air Raid Precautions: A. R. P. Officer

12.00-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.  
12.30 p.m.—Raie Da Costa at the Piano.  
12.40 p.m.—Harry Roy and His Orchestra.  
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—Elsie Carlisle and Jack Hyton & His Orchestra.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.40 p.m.—Tchaikovsky — Nutcracker Suite, Op. 71A. Played by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.  
2.03 p.m.—Orchestral.  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
7 p.m.—Dance Music.  
7.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.  
7.35 p.m.—Variety.  
Vocal—Just Once For All Time (From 'Congress Dances')... Irene Eisinger (Soprano).  
Orchestra—Live, Laugh And Love (From 'Congress Dances')... Marek Weber And His Orchestra with vocal refrain by Paul Horbiger.  
Orchestra—"Once Upon A Time"—Selection (arr. R. S. Stoddon)... New Mayfair Orchestra with vocal refrain.  
7.45 p.m.—Studio — Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins on 'Air Raid Precautions'.  
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—Studio—A Piano Recital by Caroline Braga.  
1. Sonata in A Major (Mozart): Theme; Variations I to VI; Menuetto; Trio; Allegretto.  
2. Scherzo II, in B flat Minor, Op. 31 (Chopin).  
8.23 p.m.—Studio—A Recital by P. N. Hydon (Violin) accompanied by E.

# To-day's Wireless

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O'Neil Shaw (Piano).  
1. Tartini Sonata in G Minor.  
2. Grieg Sonata in F Major Op. 8.  
9.03 p.m.—London Symphony Orchestra  
"Crown Of India" Suite, Op. 65 (Elgar): 1. Introduction and Dance of Nautch Girls; 2. Minuet; 3. Warriors' Dance; 4. March of the Mogul Emperors... London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Edward Elgar, O.M., K.C.V.O.  
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The B.B.C. Singers.  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
9.50 p.m.—Choruses.  
Down In Demerara (Traditional).  
Riding Down From Bangor; Solomon Levi (Traditional)... Raymond Newell and the B.B.C. Male Chorus conducted by Leslie Woodgate (Ernest Lush at the Piano).  
Down Among The Dead Men (Traditional).  
Funiculi, Funicula (Danza)... Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) with Piano and Male Quartet.  
10 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.  
"Tolanthe"  
When I Went To The Bar.  
G. Baker.  
When Darkly Looms The Day (Finale—Act 1)... W. Lawson, N. Briercliffe, D. Oldham, L. Rands, D. Fancourt, and Male Chorus.  
Oh, Shameless One, Tremble (Finale—Act 1)... W. Lawson, L. Rands, D. Oldham, G. Baker, D. Fancourt and Male Chorus.  
My Lord, A Suppliant At Your Feet... Nellie Briercliffe.  
It May Not Be... George Baker.

Nellie Briercliffe, Bertha Lewis and Chorus of Girls.  
Soon As We May (Finale—Act 2)... W. Lawson, N. Briercliffe, B. Lewis, D. Oldham, D. Fancourt, G. Baker and Mixed Chorus.  
10.16 p.m.—Latest Variety and Dance Records.  
11 p.m.—Close down.

## BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY

### TRANSMISSION 1

#### Frequencies—

GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)  
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)  
GSD 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.)  
GSB 9.51 mc/s (31.55 m.)

#### G.M.T.

6.00 a.m.—Big Ben. 'Dancing Time'.  
6.35 a.m.—'The Gang Smasher' (Episode 2): 'John Martinson Takes a Trick in Diamonds'. A radio serial adapted by Jack Inglis from the novel 'The Gang Smasher' by Hugh Clevery.  
6.55 a.m.—The Pianoforte Trios of Beethoven.  
7.30 a.m.—'Cards on the Table'. A series for New Zealand listeners. A New Zealander (Jack Lovelock) and an Englishman (John Mande) discuss the news from London.  
7.50 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 8.00 a.m.  
8.15 a.m.—Close Down.

## Crown Of India Suite By London Symphony Orch.

### TRANSMISSION 2

#### Frequencies—

GSJ 21.53 Mc/s (13.93 m.)  
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)  
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)  
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)

10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. Music Hall.  
11.45 a.m.—The New Georgian Trio.  
12.00 p.m.—Quarterly Technical Talk by the Chief Engineer of the B.B.C.  
12.15 p.m.—The Chamber Music of Mozart.  
12.45 p.m.—Scottish Dance Music. The Scottish Studio Orchestra.  
1.15 p.m.—The BBC Singers.  
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.  
1.57 p.m.—Close Down.

### TRANSMISSION 3

#### Frequencies—

GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)  
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)  
GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)  
GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s.

1.57 p.m.—Opening Announcements.  
2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. 'Backstage at Belshouston—The Colonies'. Alistair Borthwick reviews progress at the Empire Exhibition.  
2.15 p.m.—The BBC Empire Orchestra.  
3.15 p.m.—'Take your Choice'. A weekly entertainment feature.  
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.  
4.20 p.m.—Dance Music. Billy Cotton and his Band.  
4.40 p.m.—'World Affairs'. A talk by the Rt. Hon. Sir Malcolm Robertson.  
5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

## BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

## Greed

I wonder how many calamities at the bridge table must be laid at the door of greed? Time and again I have seen players refuse a trick for no other reason than that they were dissatisfied with the rank of the card offered to them. In other words, they refused to waste their lordly ace on a lowly nine spot, quite overlooking the fact that such refusal might eventually put them in a deep, black hole. Conversely, when a king is dangled before their acquisitive eyes, they cannot resist falling upon such a juicy morsel. Consider West's greed in the following hand:

South, dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

S.—9 7 3  
H.—10  
D.—A Q 10  
C.—J 10 9 7 6 3

WEST EAST

S.—8 5 4 S.—Q J 10  
H.—7 4 H.—K J 9 8 6 5  
D.—K 5 2 D.—J 8 3  
C.—A Q 5 4 2 C.—8

SOUTH

S.—A K 6 2  
H.—A Q 8 2  
D.—9 7 6 4  
C.—K

The bidding:

South West North East  
1 spades Pass 2 clubs 2 hearts  
2 no trump Pass 3 no trump [final bid]

South's two no trump was not good. True, he had a double-heart stopper, but his hand as a whole was none too robust, and a singleton of partner's suit, even though the king should have been a deterring factor. Perhaps South knew that he could count on the aid of the enemy.

West opened the seven of hearts. East covered the ten with the jack, and declarer won with the queen. Declarer, properly analysing that it was hardly possible for spades and diamonds to break so beautifully that club tricks would not be needed, laid down the club king. West jumped on this as though he had won a prize, returning his remaining heart. South allowed East to hold the trick, but took the heart continuation.

At this point declarer realized that his chances were exceedingly slim. In order to establish nine tricks he would have to bring home the club suit and this would require a miraculous lay of cards. Still, there was no other hope, so declarer led a diamond and finessed the queen. Even though it held, he was by no means home. The position of the club queen still was in doubt. The club jack lost to West, however, and then it was all over but the shouting. West could not put East on lead, and four-odd became a laydown.

It had not only required great luck in the lay of the cards but also the cooperation of the enemy, to fulfill the bad contract. After all, a holdup of the club ace would not have required much genius on West's part.

## What's On At the Cinemas

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AT THE MAJESTIC—"Men Are Not Gods", with Miriam Hopkins, Gertrude Lawrence and Sebastian Shaw. Miriam is seen as Ann Williams, the impetuous secretary of London's leading dramatic critic, who impulsively alters one of her boss's less kind reviews and automatically lets herself out of a job and into a triangle, the other two principals of which are the actor she has aided and his intensely jealous wife.

AT THE STAR—"Midnight Taxi", with Brian Don Levy and Frances Drake. The picture deals with the clever methods used by Federal secret-service men on the trail of a baffling ring of counterfeiters. The romance which lovely Frances Drake, also a gang member, injects unexpectedly into their plans creates an unusual suspense.

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 11th April, 1938.

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## ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY ON RENTS QUESTION

"Unlike those companies whose good fortune it has been to share in the increased business resulting from the abnormal conditions prevailing since the early autumn of last year, ours is of a nature still requiring a good deal of spadework—literal and figurative—and not a little patience before the fruition of our labours can be expected to reap the full measure of their reward," stated Mr. J. P. Braga, O.B.E., when presiding at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., held at the offices of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, this morning.

Mr. J. P. Braga, O.B.E. (Managing Director), presided, and was supported by Messrs. M. H. Lo, T. F. Lo (Alternate Director for Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt.), and Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie (Alternate Director for Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E.), (Directors), Mr. H. Braga (General Works Manager) and Mr. B. Alves (Secretary). Shareholders present were:—Messrs. A. M. Braga, Noel Braga, Chan Kam Moon, H. J. M. de Figueiredo, M. A. de Figueiredo, E. Sahmet, H. R. Sequeira, S. M. Bander.

The chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The Profit and Loss Account reveals at the close of last year a balance at credit of \$2,510.93; this added to the amount brought forward from 1936 gives a total of \$4,034.96. The proposal to carry forward this sum to a new account as from the 1st January, 1938, it is my purpose to bring up presently for your approval.

### CONSTRUCTIONAL BRANCH

To deal first with the constructional branch of your business, though no

large profits have been made, we feel that there is ground for satisfaction that the caution exercised by your Board has prevented any losses due to the sudden and abnormal rise in the cost of building materials—in particular items of steel manufacture.

We are happy to think that the confidence reposed in your Company by substantial clients has resulted in the award of a contract for the erection of an important building, on a footing of reciprocal benefit between principals and contractors, whereby our Company by working on a smaller margin of profit escapes the risk of any loss.

Leaving the subject of constructional work, there has been profit—small, it is true but, nevertheless, profit all the same—in practically every branch of our business.

"House Rents" appears for the first time on the credit side of the Profit and Loss Account. For the current year we might expect a larger revenue from this source. The amount earned during 1937 is \$7,629.68. We are seeking to make of "Rent" the mainstay of the Company's revenue in future; it has the advantage of stability without the extraneous influences governing contractual orders. You might probably like to have a word or two from me on this subject of rents, which has recently come to so much public and official attention.

### HOUSE RENTS

It is in no spirit of vain-glory that your Board can appear before its patrons, the Government, and the public of this Colony with a clear conscience on this highly debatable question of house rents. In the prosecution of the second stage of the development of your Estate a block of semi-detached houses had just then been completed before the sudden, large and temporary increase of the Colony's population. Only tentative enquiries had been received early in August

## CHINESE KILLED IN BERLIN

Berlin, To-day.

A 31-year-old Chinese student, Li Kung-chun, lost his life in a traffic accident in Berlin yesterday. Li was run over by a motorcycle when crossing the street and died in hospital shortly later.—Trans-Ocean.

from local residents for the lease of those houses. Upon being approached soon after by visitors to the Colony, your Board maintained a fair attitude towards all alike. Two alternatives were offered: the first, the rent that had been quoted to resident applicants on yearly leases; and the second, a slightly higher rent for shorter tenancies, subject to a reduction to the level of a yearly rent upon the expiration of six months and renewable thereafter for a period of not less than one year. Our explanation, which was found perfectly satisfactory, is that a small difference in rent in the second alternative was necessary to provide for the loss of one month's rent and the cost of minor repairs upon any vacancy following a six months' lease.

### OLD RESIDENTS

In the case of those residents who had entered into leases early last year, and which expired at the end of 1937, the option was given them to renew the lease upon identical terms and conditions, even though the houses might obviously have fetched more from new non-resident tenants. Our object was fully attained in obviating hardship on those who, after all, have first claim to consideration. Their merited consideration was not denied them.

I have been at some length in including this matter in the Chairman's speech in order to illustrate that the Board's policy is one that is dictated not by tempting opportunism but by fair play, which, we hope, will not fail of appreciation by those very patrons whom the greater development of your Estate in the long run is designed to serve. We hope also successfully to enlist a wider circle of goodwill with the encouraging growth of the Company's business upon the sure foundation of mutual and reciprocal service between landlords and tenants.

Those whose business it has been to be in daily contact with the members of the staff—both Europeans and Chinese—appreciate to the full the zeal, energy and co-operation that have combined towards so much of their efficiency. When it is remembered that the staff, especially in the technical department, has been largely augmented in the course of the year, your Board feel that a special word of thanks is due to one and all for the excellent spirit of harmonious relations that prevades all grades.

The Report was unanimously adopted after it had been seconded by Mr. M. H. Lo.

### EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

At the extraordinary meeting which followed, the Chairman said:

If you pass this Resolution, as I hope you will in the best interests of the Company, all we seek to do is to increase the present capital of the Company from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000 by the creation of 2,000,000 new shares of the nominal value of \$2 each.

I should explain that while the capital would be so increased there is no idea of calling in forthwith anything like the sum which the capital of the Company will represent once the Resolution is passed. We will call in from time to time so much of the capital only as it is required for the purposes of our development, and for any other that may appear to us advisable in which capital of the Company can be usefully and profitably employed.

You already know that the Company has its obligation to Government in respect of the building covenant stipulated under the special Conditions of Sale of K. I. L. 9657. The first stage of this development, that is, site formation, is now completed. We have already begun the second stage, that is to say, the erection of houses within the Estate.


Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie seconded the Resolution which was carried unanimously. Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year.

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